



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF**
2 **SUPERVISORS DID NOT MEET IN CLOSED**
3 **SESSION TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2014.]**
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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR PRO TEM:** OKAY. THE JULY 15TH MEETING OF
8 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE.
9 FIRST TO BE LED IN PRAYER BY REVEREND FRANCES CANTELLA OF ST.
10 BARNABAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT,
11 AND OUR PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE BY HAYDEN VELASQUEZ
12 MEMBER OF THE IRAQ/AFGHANISTAN VETERANS OF AMERICA WEST
13 COVINA, FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT.
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15 **REV. FRANCES CANTELLA:** THE LORD BE WITH YOU. AND THE RESPONSE
16 IS "ALSO WITH YOU." LET US PRAY. DEAR LORD, SEND DOWN UPON
17 THESE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
18 AS COUNTY SUPERVISORS THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM, CHARITY AND
19 JUSTICE THAT WITH STEADFAST PURPOSE THEY MAY FAITHFULLY
20 PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF ALL PEOPLE. SO MOVE THEIR HEARTS
21 THAT BARRIERS WHICH DIVIDE US MAY CRUMBLE, SUSPICIONS
22 DISAPPEAR, AND HATREDS CEASE; THAT OUR DIVISIONS, BEING
23 HEALED, WE MAY LIVE IN JUSTICE AND PEACE. BEHOLD AND VISIT, WE
24 PRAY, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. RENEW THE TIES OF MUTUAL
25 REGARD WHICH FORM OUR CIVIC LIFE. HELP EACH OF THESE MEN AND

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1 WOMEN TO BE THEIR HIGHEST SELVES AND TO LEAD WITH HONESTY AND
2 INTEGRITY. HELP US TO ELIMINATE POVERTY, PREJUDICE AND
3 OPPRESSION, THAT PEACE MAY PREVAIL WITH RIGHTEOUSNESS AND
4 JUSTICE WITH ORDER AND THAT MEN AND WOMEN FROM DIFFERENT
5 CULTURES AND WITH DIFFERING TALENTS AND VALUES MAY FIND WITHIN
6 ONE ANOTHER THE FULFILLMENT OF THEIR HUMANITY. MAY THE ONE WHO
7 CALLS US TO PRAY BE FAITHFUL TO HELP US AND HEAR US, AMEN.

8

9 **HAYDEN L. VELASQUEZ:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE REMAIN STANDING.
10 FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN
11 ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
12 RECITED.]

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT'S MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO PRESENT A
17 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO THE REVEREND FRANCES CANTELLA.
18 REVEREND FRANCES CANTELLA WAS INSTALLED AS THE FIRST WOMAN
19 RECTOR AT ST. BARNABAS CHURCH IN EAGLE ROCK. IS TRULY A
20 COMMUNITY INSTITUTION, OFFERING FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUAL
21 ENCOURAGEMENT TO ALL OF ITS PARISHIONERS. THE CHURCH'S MANY
22 GOOD WORKS INCLUDE FEEDING THE HOMELESS, SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULT
23 AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS, COMMUNITY DINNERS AND FUNDRAISERS AND
24 MANY WONDERFUL ANNUAL EVENTS, INCLUDING THEIR CHRISTMAS
25 TRADITIONS. REVEREND CANTELLA IS ALSO ACTIVE IN THE NORTHEAST

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1 L.A. MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION AND THE STILLPOINT CENTER FOR
2 CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY. SO ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS WE WANT TO PRESENT THIS CERTIFICATE OF
4 APPRECIATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR JOINING US. THANK YOU SO
5 MUCH, AND YOUR GOOD WORK THAT YOU DO IN THE COMMUNITY.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAYDEN VELASQUEZ SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES
9 MARINE CORPS IN IRAQ. HE WAS A CORPORAL, SERVED BETWEEN 2006
10 AND 2008. WORKS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE
11 CORONER. GRADUATE FROM MY HIGH SCHOOL, JOHN MARSHALL HIGH
12 SCHOOL, AND ALSO LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE. SO, HAYDEN, THANK
13 YOU FOR SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN THE MARINE CORPS AND FOR
14 SERVING OUR COUNTY AT THE CORONER'S OFFICE. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. MAYOR PRO TEM,
17 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE
18 THREE, PRESENTATIONS AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-3, AS
19 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, AT THE MEETING OF MAY 20,
20 2014, THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO AUGUST 12, 2014. ON PAGE 4,
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 5, ON ITEMS NO. 1 AND 2,
22 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE
23 ITEMS. THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOTION BY MOLINA. SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION,
2 SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS
5 6 THROUGH 32. ON ITEM NO. 8, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
6 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 9, THERE'S A
7 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
8 NO. 10, ALTHOUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA INDICATES THE CHIEF
9 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
10 WEEK TO JULY 22, 2014, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF
11 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 12,
12 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
13 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 14, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
14 THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
15 REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM NO. 16, THERE'S A
16 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEMS
17 NO. 17, 18 AND 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM EITHER A MEMBER OR
18 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEMS NO. 23 AND
19 25, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD
20 THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 30, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
21 AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED
22 ONE WEEK TO JULY 22, 2014. ON ITEM NO. 31, AS INDICATED ON THE
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, COUNTY COUNSEL ALSO REQUESTS THAT THIS
24 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 22, 2014. THE REMAINING
25 ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.
3 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 15, ORDINANCES FOR
6 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 33 THROUGH 35 AND I'LL READ THE SHORT
7 TITLES IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 33, THIS IS THE AN
8 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 2,
9 ADMINISTRATION, TO EXTEND THE DELEGATED AUTHORITY OF THE
10 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACQUIRE REAL PROPERTY FOR THE
11 COUNTY OR THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT THROUGH AND
12 INCLUDING JULY 31, 2019. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.
15 SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 34, ON THIS ITEM,
18 ALTHOUGH THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA INDICATES THAT THE CHIEF
19 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE
20 WEEK TO JULY 22, 2014, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF
21 THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THE ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 35, THIS
22 IS AN ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE, TITLE
23 15, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC TO RESTRICT THE PARKING OF VEHICLES
24 FOR SALE ON CERTAIN STREETS IN VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED
25 COMMUNITIES. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. SECOND WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** DISCUSSION ITEM, ITEM NO. 36, AS
6 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
7 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 29, 2014. I'M
8 SORRY. GO AHEAD. THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF
9 THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET ME ASK, SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS HAS A SPECIAL INTRODUCTION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
16 COLLEAGUES. I THINK YOU'LL APPRECIATE THIS VERY SPECIAL
17 PRESENTATION. WE ARE DELIGHTED IN HAVING WITH US TODAY CAYLIN
18 LEWIS MOORE. CAYLIN IS A SOPHOMORE, STUDENT ATHLETE AT MARIST
19 COLLEGE, LOCATED AS MANY OF YOU KNOW IN NEW YORK AND RECENTLY
20 RETURNED FROM BRISTOL, ENGLAND, WHERE HE PARTICIPATED IN THE
21 2014 FULBRIGHT SUMMER INSTITUTE. AND WHILE THERE HE ENHANCED
22 HIS LEADERSHIP SKILLS, LEARNED FROM WORLD LEADERS IN THEIR
23 FIELD, RECEIVED SCHOOL CREDIT, MADE A WIDE RANGE OF-- MET A
24 WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE AND BECAME AN AMBASSADOR FOR STUDYING IN
25 THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL. FULBRIGHT

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1 OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO PROMOTE LEADERSHIP, LEARNING AND
2 EMPATHY BETWEEN NATIONS THROUGH EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE. YOU'LL
3 WANT TO KNOW THAT MR. MOORE GRADUATED FROM VERBUM DEI HIGH
4 SCHOOL. SOME CALL IT THE MIGHTY VERBUM DEI AND THEY'RE LED IN
5 STUDENT MINISTRY, ATHLETICS AND GOVERNMENT. AT MARIST, HE'S
6 CURRENTLY STUDYING ECONOMICS AS A MAJOR; A MINOR IN
7 PSYCHOLOGY. HE IS A DIVISION I ATHLETE AND PLAYS QUARTERBACK
8 FOR THEIR FOOTBALL TEAM. HE IS A NATIVE ANGELINO THAT IS
9 HAILING FROM CARSON. AND WE'RE VERY PROUD OF HIS
10 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND RECOGNIZE HIS HARD WORK TO RISE TO THE
11 HEIGHTS OF ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT. WHY DON'T WE GIVE A BIG, BIG
12 ROUND OF APPLAUSE TO CAYLIN MOORE. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **CAYLIN MOORE:** HELLO, EVERYONE. ONCE AGAIN I JUST WANT TO THANK
15 GOD FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND I THANK GOD FOR THIS
16 OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IN ENGLAND. I JUST WANTED TO ASK YOU GUYS
17 ALL A QUESTION REAL QUICK. DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE ROSE THAT
18 GREW FROM A CRACK IN THE CONCRETE? PROVING NATURE'S LAW IS
19 WRONG, IT LEARNED TO WALK WITHOUT HAVING FEET. FUNNY, IT
20 SEEMS, BUT BY KEEPING ITS DREAMS, IT LEARNED TO BREATHE FRESH
21 AIR. LONG LIVE THE ROSE THAT GREW FROM CONCRETE WHEN NO ONE
22 ELSE EVER CARED. THAT'S A POEM BY TUPAC AMARU SHAKUR AND I
23 FEEL AS IF I'M GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND BLESSED WITH
24 OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT THAT ON A DAILY BASIS. ONCE AGAIN MY
25 NAME IS CAYLIN MOORE, I'M FROM THE INNER CITY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1 AND THE OPPORTUNITY SUCH AS THIS TO STAND AT A MIC RIGHT HERE
2 AND TALK IN FRONT SUCH A GREAT CROWD OF PEOPLE IS AN
3 OPPORTUNITY THAT'S NOT AFFORDED TO MANY YOUNG GENTLEMEN. SO I
4 JUST WANTED TO LET YOU GUYS KNOW THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE
5 DIAMONDS MADE IT OUT OF THAT ROUGH AND WE HAVE A LOT MORE WORK
6 TO DO. [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, PRESENTATIONS? ONE OF
9 OUR 88 GREAT CITIES, ALHAMBRA, IS CELEBRATING ITS 111TH
10 BIRTHDAY. THEY WERE INCORPORATED IN 1903, ORIGINALLY PART OF A
11 1771 SPANISH LAND GRANT THAT WAS MADE TO THE MISSION SAN
12 GABRIEL FIVE YEARS BEFORE THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION. IN 1874,
13 THE LAND ON WHICH PRESENT DAY ALHAMBRA SITS WAS PURCHASED BY
14 BENJAMIN WILSON, DON BENITO WILSON. THE FIRST LOS ANGELES
15 CLERK, FOUR-TERM COUNTY SUPERVISOR, WAS A MAYOR OF LOS
16 ANGELES, THREE-TERM CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR. HIS GRANDSON WAS
17 GENERAL GEORGE PATTON. HIS SON-IN-LAW WAS THE INCORPORATOR OF
18 SAN MARINO AND THE FIRST CITY MAYOR OF SAN MARINO AND WAS ALSO
19 A CITY ATTORNEY. WILSON NAMED HIS NEW LAND ALHAMBRA AT THE
20 URGING OF HIS YOUNGEST DAUGHTER, 10-YEAR-OLD RUTH, WHO ALONG
21 WITH HER SISTER ANN HAD BEEN READING WASHINGTON IRVING'S BOOK
22 ABOUT THE LEGENDS OF THE MOORISH PALACE IN SOUTHERN SPAIN
23 CALLED "THE ALHAMBRA." SO WITH US TODAY IS THE COUNCILWOMAN,
24 FORMER MAYOR, BARBARA MESSINA, AND DEPUTY CITY MANAGER,
25 JESSICA KEATING, AS WE CELEBRATE THE 111TH ANNIVERSARY. YOU

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1 LOOK PRETTY GOOD FOR 111. WHERE'S YOUR CITY MANAGER, JESSICA?

2 COME ON, GET UP HERE, JESSICA. SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY, HUH?

3 [LAUGHTER.]

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5 **MAYOR BARBARA MESSINA:** I JUST WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS,
6 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WHO ALL THE YEARS THAT I
7 HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THE LATE '70S HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING
8 REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALHAMBRA. I AM VERY PROUD OF THE CITY. WE
9 HAVE COME A LONG WAY. OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE AMAZING. AND WE
10 JUST KEEP GETTING BIGGER AND BETTER. AND I'M VERY, VERY
11 THANKFUL THAT I HAVE HAD ALL THESE YEARS TO SERVE ON COUNCIL.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE LITTLE NICK WHO'S BEEN NEUTERED.
15 HE'S NINE YEARS OLD AND HE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. THIS IS
16 LITTLE NICK WITH A LITTLE POT BELLY. LITTLE BOY IS LOOKING FOR
17 A HOME. ANYBODY LIKE TO ADOPT LITTLE NICK? YOU CAN CALL THE
18 TELEPHONE NUMBER 562-728-8610. LITTLE NICK WILL BRING YOU A
19 LOT OF JOY AND A LOT OF HAPPINESS. GET YOU A HOME, NICK, OKAY.
20 ARNOLD SACHS FOR ITEMS 1, 8, 9, 16, 18, 19. DR. GENEVIEVE
21 CLAVREUL ON ITEM NO. 23. JON NAHHAS ON ITEM 17 AND MR. PREVEN
22 ON ITEM 2, 9, 12, 16, 18, 19, 25.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO JUST BEGIN, SIR, OR WAIT FOR
2 THE DESIGNATED ORDER? WHAT'S YOUR FEELING? IN THE INTEREST OF
3 JUDICIAL ECONOMY, SHOULD I JUST MOVE FORWARD.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUST A SECOND. AND GENEVIEVE, ITEM ALSO
6 INCLUDES 10 AND 34. MR. PREVEN.

7

8 **ERIC PREVEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU, SIR. IT'S ERIC PREVEN, THE
9 COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT THREE. VERY BUSY DAY, AND OF
10 COURSE, WE'RE ALL VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO THE
11 PRESENTATION FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TODAY AND FROM RICHARD
12 DROOYAN WHO WILL HAVE HIS LAST PRESENTATION, BUT THAT'S COMING
13 LATER. TODAY AT ITEM NO. 12, OF COURSE, AND THE COMPANY THAT I
14 HAVE BEEN TRACKING SINCE LATE 2012, Q3 2012 WHEN THEY BEGAN
15 LOBBYING THROUGH ENGLANDER, KNABE AND ALLEN, DIAMOND CONTRACT
16 SERVICES HAS NOW OFFICIALLY HIT THE SKIDS. THERE ARE SOME VERY
17 SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES THEY'VE BEEN HAVING MAKING THEIR
18 WORKER'S COMP INSURANCE PREMIUMS AND THUS COUNTYWIDE WE ARE
19 SEEING THE COLLAPSING OF THESE CONTRACTS. IT'S AMAZING AND
20 ASTONISHING AND IT'S VERY WORRISOME. AND SO WHAT I WOULD
21 SUGGEST WE DO IS DO SOME KIND OF AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHAT
22 SPECIFICALLY HAS GONE ON THERE. I DID MANAGE TO WITH JUST ONE
23 SWIPE OF THE GOOGLE, DISCOVER THAT THE GUY WHO WAS RUNNING
24 THAT COMPANY, DEREK SMITH, HAS MOVED TO ANOTHER GROUP CALLED
25 DEDICATED BUILDING SERVICES AND IN FACT, IN SOME

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1 JURISDICTIONS, ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE IF
2 ANY OF THEM ARE IN THE COUNTY, HE'S PICKING UP THE CONTRACTS
3 THAT DIAMOND HAS LEFT BEHIND. SO THIS IS LIKE THE CREATURE
4 INSIDE A COCKROACH SHELL MOVING TO ANOTHER SHELL AND LEAVING
5 BEHIND THE COST, OBVIOUSLY, IN THIS CASE ON L.A. COUNTY. I
6 WOULD REALLY SUGGEST YOU LOOK CLOSELY AT THAT. ITEM NO. 16,
7 BURIED IN ITEM NO. 16, AND NICELY PULLED OUT BY ABBEY SEWELL
8 OF THE L.A. TIMES, IS SOME ACTION ON LAURA'S LAW. SO WE'RE
9 VERY PLEASED TO SEE THAT WE ARE AT LEAST PRESSING IN THIS
10 DIRECTION A LITTLE BIT TO SEE IF WE CAN'T HELP WHO ARE IN
11 MENTALLY CHALLENGED SITUATIONS WHO NEED TREATMENT, WHO DON'T
12 KNOW THEY NEED TREATMENT, AND WE'RE TRYING TO WORK OUT THE
13 RIGHTS ISSUES WITH THAT. I UNDERSTAND THERE'S BEEN A TRIAL ON
14 THAT AND HOPEFULLY WE'RE MAKING SOME PROGRESS. IT WAS NOT WELL
15 ADVERTISED IN THERE BUT IT WAS VERY HELPFUL OF THE TIMES TO
16 WRITE THAT STORY. ITEM NO. 18 AND ITEM NO. 19 SERVE AS TWO
17 DIFFERENT KINDS OF CONTRACTING THAT WE DO HERE AT L.A. COUNTY,
18 POORLY. ITEM NO. 18 IS OF COURSE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING, WHICH
19 MR. KRATTLI WILL SMIRK TO HIMSELF ABOUT BECAUSE HERE WE HAVE A
20 PROJECT TO REDO A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY WITH CAPITAL
21 IMPROVEMENT MONEY. WE BOUGHT THE PROPERTY FROM STEVE LEE AS
22 EVERYONE WILL REMEMBER FROM THE PAINFUL REVELATIONS, BECAUSE
23 HIS NAME WAS NOWHERE ADVERTISED, BUT WHEN WE FINALLY FIGURED
24 OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON, WE WERE BUYING A FACILITY FOR 3-1/2
25 MILLION. NOW WE ARE E SPENDING 16 MILLION, YOU CAN ADJUST

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1 YOURSELF THERE, TO FIX IT UP. NOW THIS IS IN A NOT SO GREAT
2 PART OF TOWN. N.I.M.B.Y. ISSUES ARE RELEVANT. I THINK
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA REMEMBERS THE ANCILLARY PROBLEM WE HAD WITH
4 MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES BEING ATTENTIVE BUT NOT ENCROACHING
5 ON PEOPLE'S RESIDENCES. NONETHELESS, THIS IS AWKWARD THAT IT'S
6 A JOB ORDER CONTRACT. JOB ORDER CONTRACTS ARE FOR REPETITIVE
7 WORK, NOT FOR THIS KIND OF WORK. AND IT'S A LOT OF MONEY. IT'S
8 VERY UPSETTING BECAUSE WE'LL HAVE NO SENSE OF WHAT'S REAL,
9 WHAT'S NOT REAL BECAUSE IT ALL HAPPENS OVER THERE. ITEM NO. 25
10 I WOULD ASK IF THE SANTA CLARITA TRACT MAP BE CAREFULLY
11 SCRUTINIZED, BECAUSE AS YOU RECALL, TWO WEEKS AGO OR ONE WEEK
12 AGO, ZONE 37 OUT THERE, THERE IS SOME FOUL- SMELLING EMISSIONS
13 COMING FROM CASTAIC HILLS. THERE SEEMS TO BE AN EFFORT TO
14 DISENFRANCHISE THE POPULATION FROM ANY SERVICES AND PUSH THEM
15 OFF ON THEIR OWN, TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN LAND. IT DOES NOT
16 SOUND GOOD, AND THE BALLOT, AS THE WOMAN WHO CAME DOWN HERE
17 AND TESTIFIED, WAS SORT OF TAINTED. NOBODY UNDERSTOOD WHAT WAS
18 HAPPENING. DO HOPEFULLY THAT CAN BE SORTED BUT OUT. THANK YOU
19 FOR YOUR INTEREST IN COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

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21 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
22 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ACTUALLY I HELD ITEM 10 AND 34, BOTH
23 ORDINANCE. AND AS USUAL, IT IS VERY CRYPTIC THE WAY THEY ARE
24 WRITTEN TO REALLY IDENTIFY WHICH DEPARTMENT THEY ARE TALKING
25 ABOUT AND SO ON. I ALSO KNOW THAT IT IS A CAUSE OF CONCERN

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1 FROM SOME OF THE EMPLOYEES IN ORDER TO GET PAY INCREASE AND SO
2 ON. AND I THINK IT'S WHY WE ARE SOMETIMES LOSING PEOPLE HERE,
3 LACK OF FLEXIBILITY IN MONEY INCREASE. I HAD HELD ITEM 14. AND
4 YOU KNOW, LIKE I HAVE SAID SO MANY TIMES, THE MINUTE AN ITEM
5 IS POSTED, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DECIDE TO DO AFTER THAT, THE
6 PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO IT, AND I AM GOING TO DO
7 THAT. ITEM 14 HAS TO DO WITH U.S.C. IMAGING SYSTEM. I JUST
8 WONDER WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH YOU HAVE DONE. AND ARE YOU AWARE
9 THAT THE WONDERFUL NEW U.S.C. HOSPITAL IS SINKING AND HAS
10 ALREADY SINK 2 INCHES? I WONDER WHEN THE PUBLIC IS GOING TO BE
11 MADE AWARE OF THAT WONDERFUL ISSUE. THAT'S PRETTY SCARY TO
12 HAVE THAT GORGEOUS BUILDING WHERE APPARENTLY THE WORK HAD NOT
13 BEEN DONE PRIOR TO THE BUILDING TO CHECK THE STABILITY OF THE
14 GROUND. SO I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE WHO WAS INVOLVED
15 IN THAT FIASCO AGAIN. AND BEFORE WE HAVE ANYMORE HEAVY DUTY
16 EQUIPMENT, WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH HAD BEEN DONE TO STABILIZE
17 THE BUILDING AND I ALSO THINK AT THE SAME TIME SOMEBODY SHOULD
18 LOOK AT U.S.C., WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT NOW. HOW CAN 17 PEOPLE
19 RESIGN IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS FROM NURSING? I THINK THAT IS
20 EXTREMELY CONCERNING. 36 WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A DISCUSSION ITEM.
21 BUT, AGAIN, NO REPORT WAS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE, AND IT'S
22 CONTINUED. SO I THINK, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, YOU ARE THE ONE WHO
23 ARE ESTABLISHING THE AGENDA, SO DON'T PUT THE ITEM YOU DON'T
24 WANT TO KEEP PEOPLE TALKING TO. THANK YOU.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I
2 DID HOLD SOME ITEMS. I ACTUALLY HELD ITEM NO. 1. IT'S KIND OF
3 FASCINATING WHAT YOU READ SOMETIMES. IN THE JULY 10TH
4 NEWSPAPER, IN THE WANT ADS, LEGAL NOTICES, IT MENTIONS HERE--
5 ONLY REASON, BECAUSE IT'S COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES. AND THEY
6 DEAL WITH ACCESS SERVICES. ACCESS SERVICES, A STATE MANDATED
7 AGENCY THAT MANAGES PARATRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDERS AND
8 ELIGIBILITY CONTRACTORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS ISSUED A
9 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. BLAH, BLAH, BLAH. THE REASON I BRING IT
10 UP IS THAT YOU PLAY TENNIS WITH ACCESS SERVICES AND ACCESS
11 SERVICES INCORPORATED, BEING THE SAME INSTITUTE ALL THE TIME,
12 IN DOCUMENTS AND M.T.A. AND COUNTY PAPERWORK, ACCESS SERVICES,
13 ACCESS SERVICES INCORPORATED, THIS, THAT, THE OTHER, SAME
14 THING. THE QUESTION IS: SINCE THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
15 DEALS WITH ACCESS SERVICES, IT'S A STATE-MANDATED AGENCY. SO
16 I'M WONDERING, CAN YOU DEFINE THE DIFFERENCE, MAYBE COUNTY
17 COUNSEL, GOOD LUCK WITH THAT, CAN CHIP IN AND SAY HOW MANY
18 STATE AGENCIES BECOME INCORPORATIONS? BECAUSE THAT'S DIFFERENT
19 THAN A LOCAL AGENCY BEING, YOU KNOW, STATE AGENCY. YOU KNOW,
20 IT'S KIND OF LIKE THAT CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. WE'RE NOT GOING
21 TO RUN INTO THAT, THOUGH. I HELD ITEM NO. 9. IT'S FIVE GOALS
22 FOR THE CHILDCARE AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY FRAMEWORK. SO HOW'D
23 THEY DO ON THEIR LAST SET OF GOALS? DID THEY MEET THOSE? JUST
24 OUT OF CURIOSITY. YOU KNOW, WE HEAR OF SO MUCH ABOUT GOAL-
25 ORIENTED COUNTY AND THE ONLY GOAL THEY REALLY HAVE IS GET THE

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1 MONEY FIRST. I ACTUALLY HELD ITEMS 18 AND 19. 18 IS REGARDING
2 CONSTRUCTION, OR A PROJECT THAT'S LIKE \$15 MILLION. SO I'M
3 WONDERING IF THAT'S ELIGIBLE FOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S HIRE THE
4 VET GROUP ROUTINE. AND ITEM 19 IS A DESIGN BUILD, SCOPING
5 DOCUMENTS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY
6 FOR THIS \$51 BUDGET. AND SINCE THAT-- \$\$5.1 MILLION BUDGET.
7 AND SINCE THAT ALSO MEETS THE THRESHOLD FOR THE VETERANS
8 HIRING, DOES THAT MEAN IF COMPANIES THAT ARE PROVIDING THE
9 DESIGN BUILD SCOPING DOCUMENTS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
10 ALSO NEED TO HAVE VETS WORKING FOR THEM? BECAUSE THAT'S PART
11 OF THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS. UNLESS YOU THINK THAT ONLY THE
12 VETS WANT TO BUILD, SWING A HAMMER. BECAUSE THAT'S NOT REALLY
13 CLARIFIED. SO I WAS WONDERING DO YOU HAVE TO GO BACK AND MAKE
14 SURE THAT THESE COMPANIES, THE C.E.O.S INVOLVED IN THIS, WILL
15 BE HIRING THE CERTAIN AMOUNT OF VETERANS THAT MEET THE
16 THRESHOLD THAT ARE REQUIRED AS PART OF YOUR HIRE THE VETS
17 PROGRAM THAT WAS SO WILLFULLY THRUST UPON US BY SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE
21 THIS BOARD. ITEM NO. 1, 2, 8, 9, 12, 17, 18, 19, 23, 25, AND
22 THAT WOULD BE IT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECOND
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ITEM 10 AND 34, I HAD HELD THAT FOR A MOTION
5 WHICH WILL THEN BE CONTINUED THIS ITEM-- ONE WEEK OR TWO-WEEK
6 CONTINUANCE?

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IT WOULD BE A TWO-WEEK
9 CONTINUANCE, I BELIEVE?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE, SO THAT THIS WOULD BE
12 PART OF THAT TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE FOR THAT REPORT. "THE
13 CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE RECOMMENDED AN INTERNAL
14 AUDIT INSPECTIONS DIVISION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ITEMS
15 10 AND 34 PROVIDE FOR THE NEW LAW ENFORCEMENT AUDITOR
16 CLASSIFICATION. AS THE SHERIFF MOVES TO ESTABLISH THE SPECIFIC
17 POSITIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE C.C.J.V. RECOMMENDATION, IT IS
18 IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD, NOT ONLY WOULD THE COMMISSION
19 CONCERNS BE ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED BUT ALSO UNDERSTAND HOW THE
20 NEW POSITIONS COMPARE WITH THE LEVEL DUTIES, RESPONSIBILITIES
21 OF OTHER AUDITOR INVESTIGATOR POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY.
22 SO I'D MOVE THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. AND AUDITOR-
23 CONTROLLER, WORKING WITH THE SHERIFF, AND REPORT BACK TO THE
24 BOARD IN TWO WEEKS ON THE LEVEL, DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
25 OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AUDITOR POSITIONS ON HOW THEY COMPARE

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1 TO THE OTHER AUDITOR AND INVESTIGATOR POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE
2 COUNTY." THAT WOULD BE THE REPORT THAT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN
3 ITEMS 10 AND 34 IN TWO WEEKS. SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
4 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 16 WAS HELD BY THE PUBLIC.
5 ITEM 16 WE HAVE HAROLD TURNER, BRITTNEY WEISSMAN. CATHERINE
6 BOND. DAVE PILON? JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE
7 YOU SPEAK.

8

9 **BRITTNEY WEISSMAN:** GOOD MORNING, I'M BRITTNEY WEISSMAN
10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF N.A.M.I., THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON
11 MENTAL ILLNESS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL. WE COMMEND THE
12 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR THEIR CONSIDERABLE WORK IN
13 PLANNING A FULLY-IMPLEMENTED, COMMUNITY-BASED COUNTYWIDE
14 EXPANSION OF LAURA'S LAW. WITH YOUR SUPPORT, BOTH LIVES AND
15 RESOURCES WILL BE SAVED THROUGH ITS IMPLEMENTATION. LAURA'S
16 LAW IS A BRIDGE TO RECOVERY FOR MENTAL ILLNESS BY PROVIDING
17 STRUCTURED, RECOVERY-ORIENTED TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY. IT
18 IS COMPASSIONATE, COST-EFFECTIVE AND IT'S PROVEN TO REDUCE
19 INCARCERATION AND HOMELESSNESS. IT PROVIDES CONSISTENT
20 ENGAGEMENT FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS FOR WHOM
21 OTHER COMMUNITIES SERVICES ARE NOT WORKING. LAURA'S LAW WAS
22 MODELED AFTER KENDRA'S LAW IN NEW YORK, WHICH HAS RESULTED IN
23 77 PERCENT FEWER PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALIZATIONS, 74 PERCENT
24 REDUCTION IN HOMELESSNESS, 83 PERCENT REDUCTION IN ARRESTS,
25 AND 87 PERCENT DECLINE IN INCARCERATIONS. SIMILAR RESULTS HAVE

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1 BEEN REPLICATED IN NEVADA COUNTY, WHICH HAS ALREADY
2 IMPLEMENTED THE LAW. LAURA'S LAW HELPS VERY ILL INDIVIDUALS
3 WHO OFTEN DON'T RECOGNIZE THAT THEY'RE SICK, GET WELL AND STAY
4 IN THE COMMUNITY SO THEY CAN LATER CONTINUE TREATMENT ON THEIR
5 OWN. LAURA'S LAW IS PREVENTIVE. IT DISRUPTS THE REVOLVING DOOR
6 OF REPEATED HOSPITALIZATIONS, JAILINGS AND HOMELESSNESS.
7 N.A.M.I . L.A. COUNTY COUNCIL STRONGLY ENCOURAGES YOU TO
8 ACCEPT THE M.H.S.A. PLAN AS WRITTEN, APPROVED BY THE SYSTEMS
9 LEADERSHIP TEAM, INCLUDING ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT IN
10 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **CATHERINE BOND:** MY NAME IS CATHERINE BOND. I'M A MEMBER OF THE
15 LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION. I WAS PREVIOUSLY THE
16 DIRECTOR OF A UNIT CALLED EMPOWERMENT IN ADVOCACY FOR THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I RESIGNED THAT POSITION AT THE
18 END OF JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. ONE OF THE REASONS ALTHOUGH NOT
19 THE MAIN REASON THAT I RESIGNED WAS THAT I SAW THE DIRECTION
20 THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS HEADED WITH REGARD TO THE
21 IMPLEMENTATION OF LAURA'S LAW. I AM SOMEONE WITH LIVED
22 EXPERIENCE OF A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. I HAVE SOMEONE-- I AM
23 SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER.
24 AND I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT IF YOU APPROVE THIS AS PART OF
25 THE PLAN, YOU WILL HAVE PEOPLE WHO OUT OF FEAR WILL STAY AWAY

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1 FROM TREATMENT AND YOU WILL HAVE PEOPLE LIKE ME WHO WILL LEAVE
2 THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE THAT IS OFFERED BECAUSE OF
3 THE IMPLICATIONS OF BEING POSSIBLY A SUBJECT OF LAURA'S LAW. I
4 WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT AS FAR AS LAURA'S LAW IS
5 CONCERNED, THIS IS A LAW THAT DOES NOT HAVE THE KIND OF
6 STATISTICS THAT PEOPLE ARE CLAIMING FOR IT. THERE ARE VERY FEW
7 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN TREATED THROUGH LAURA'S LAW, NEVADA
8 COUNTY. THE STATISTICS ARE VERY SMALL. THE PERCENTAGES SOUND
9 IMPRESSIVE, BUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN
10 TREATED IS SMALL, AND THE TIME IN WHICH THEY'VE BEEN TREATED
11 IS VERY LIMITED. I ALSO WANTED TO POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THE
12 PEOPLE WHO SUPPORT LAURA'S LAW ALSO BELIEVE THAT, QUOTE,
13 "MENTAL ILLNESS IS AN ILLNESS LIKE ANY OTHER." I ALSO, AS A
14 RESULT OF TAKING A PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION, HAVE ADULT ONSET
15 DIABETES. SO IF YOU USE THE ANALOGY THAT MY MENTAL DISORDER IS
16 LIKE MY DIABETES, THAT IT'S AN ILLNESS LIKE ANY OTHER, THEN IT
17 FOLLOWS LOGICALLY THAT YOU WOULD LOOK AT DIABETES THE SAME WAY
18 YOU LOOK AT MY PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER. I DON'T SEE ANYBODY
19 RECOMMENDING ANY LAW THAT SOMEONE WHO IS IN DENIAL THAT
20 DIABETES IS A SERIOUS LIFE-THREATENING ILLNESS AND WHO REFUSES
21 TO TAKE MEDICATION OR REFUSES TO CHANGE THEIR DIET OR PRACTICE
22 GOOD HEALTH PRACTICES HAS TO SOMEHOW GO BEFORE A JUDGE AND BE
23 COURT ORDERED INTO TREATMENT. THIS IS A DISCRIMINATORY LAW,
24 AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT IS VERY DESTRUCTIVE, AND I BEG YOU TO
25 REMOVE IT FROM CONSIDERATION FOR THIS PARTICULAR BUDGET.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP PETER ELIASBERG AND MR.
3 PREVEN. THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

4

5 **HAROLD TURNER:** I'M HAROLD TURNER. I'M THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR
6 WITH THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS, THE URBAN LOS
7 ANGELES AFFILIATE. AND I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO APPROVE THE
8 M.H.S.A. PLAN. WHEN IT COMES TO TREATING PEOPLE INVOLUNTARILY,
9 I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD ACCEPT AS A FIRST OPTION. BUT
10 PEOPLE NEED HELP IN GETTING TO A POINT WHERE THEY CAN MAKE
11 DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR HEALTH NEEDS. THIS IS ONE TOOL THAT WILL
12 ENABLE US TO REACH A CERTAIN SET OF THE POPULATION. AND I'M
13 SPEAKING FROM MY OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, AS WELL, IN WATCHING
14 MY FAMILY MEMBERS STRUGGLE BECAUSE SHE WAS-- DIDN'T HAVE THE
15 CAPABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THAT SHE WAS ILL DUE TO THE STIGMA
16 AROUND MENTAL ILLNESS AND OTHER THINGS. AND I WANTED HER TO BE
17 A WILLING PARTICIPANT IN HER RECOVERY AND IN HER TREATMENT
18 PROCESS. SO WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL HEALTH, I THINK WE NEED
19 MORE AND NOT LESS TOOLS. THIS IS NOT A PANACEA. IT WON'T SOLVE
20 ALL THE PROBLEMS. IT MIGHT NOT EVEN BE THE RIGHT TOOL FOR
21 CERTAIN PARTS OF THE POPULATION. BUT THIS IS A TOOL THAT IS
22 DEFINITELY NEEDED TO ENABLE THOSE WHO CAN'T RECOGNIZE THEY
23 HAVE AN ILLNESS TO GET TO THE POINT WHERE THEY CAN MAKE
24 DECISIONS ABOUT IT, INCLUDING DECISIONS AROUND HOW TO MITIGATE
25 SOME OF THE ADVERSE REACTIONS TO MEDICATIONS THAT OUR LAST

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1 SPEAKER SPOKE ABOUT. BUT THESE THINGS CAN ONLY HAPPEN WHEN A
2 PERSON IS ABLE TO MAKE LOGICAL CHOICES ABOUT THEIR ILLNESS AND
3 ABOUT THEIR TREATMENT PLAN. AND THIS TOOL IS ONE THAT'S SORELY
4 NEEDED TO ENABLE US TO DO THAT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

7

8 **DAVID PILON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVE PILON, AND I'M THE
9 C.E.O. FOR MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF LOS ANGELES, A CHAPTER OF
10 THE NATION'S OLDEST MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION. I'M
11 HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE COUNTY'S PROPOSED
12 ADOPTION OF A.B. 1421, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS LAURA'S LAW. FIRST
13 OF ALL I WANT TO SAY THAT I BELIEVE THERE ARE WELL MEANING AND
14 WELL-INTENTIONED PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS DEBATE. I HAVE
15 NOTHING BUT SYMPATHY AND CONCERN FOR FAMILY MEMBERS WHOSE
16 LOVED ONES HAVE NOT CHOSEN TO ACCEPT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
17 AND ARE SUFFERING IN OUR COMMUNITIES. I THINK THAT IN LARGE
18 PART THE SYSTEM HAS FAILED THESE FAMILIES BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN
19 UNABLE TO MAKE OUR VOLUNTARY SERVICES RELEVANT OR WELCOMING OR
20 DESIRABLE TO THEIR LOVED ONES. HOWEVER, MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA
21 IS ON RECORD AS BEING AGAINST THE IMPLEMENTATIONS OF ASSISTED
22 OUTPATIENT TREATMENT. WE HAVE TAKEN THE STAND BECAUSE WE
23 BELIEVE THAT SERVICES OFFERED WITHOUT COERCION WILL ULTIMATELY
24 BE MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE EXISTING
25 SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE IS AT BEST UNCLEAR AS TO WHETHER ADDING A

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1 COURT ORDER TO ENFORCE TREATMENT, WHAT IS SOMETIMES REFERRED
2 TO AS THE BLACK ROBE EFFECT, ACTUALLY MAKE IT MORE LIKELY THAT
3 PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT AND PARTICIPATE IN TREATMENT. IT IS OUR
4 BELIEF THAT WHAT IS HELPFUL AND WHAT IS CURRENTLY MISSING IS
5 INTENSIVE OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT, SERVICES THAT MEET PEOPLE
6 WHERE THEY ARE AND BUILD A RELATIONSHIP THAT MAKES PEOPLE WANT
7 TO ACCEPT THEM. IN THIS RESPECT, WE'RE ENCOURAGED BY THE
8 APPROACH THAT THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH INTENDS
9 TO TAKE IF THE BOARD ADOPTS THIS PROPOSAL. WHAT DR. SOUTHARD
10 HAS REFERRED TO AS "ENGAGEMENT ON STEROIDS." NO ONE SHOULD
11 MISTAKE MY OPPOSITION TO COURT-ORDERED TREATMENT AS OPPOSITION
12 TO THIS TYPE OF ENHANCED OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT. WE ARE IN
13 COMPLETE AGREEMENT THAT THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THESE PEOPLE
14 NEED. WHAT WE DON'T BELIEVE IS THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO COUPLE
15 THESE SERVICES WITH A COURT ORDER. HOWEVER, SHOULD YOU GO
16 FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSAL, IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION AND
17 COOPERATION, M.H.A. PROPOSES THAT YOU DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF
18 MENTAL HEALTH TO WORK WITH MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA AND THE
19 TREATMENT ADVOCACY CENTER TO DEVELOP AN EVALUATION COMPONENT
20 FOR THIS PROGRAM THAT IS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ANSWER THIS
21 QUESTION: IS A COURT ORDER NECESSARY? AND DOES IT ACTUALLY
22 INCREASE THE LIKELIHOOD THAT PEOPLE WILL ACCEPT SERVICES AND
23 IMPROVE THEIR OUTCOMES? WHILE AN EVALUATION OF THIS NATURE
24 WOULD ADD SLIGHTLY TO UP FRONT COSTS, IT HAS POTENTIAL FOR
25 SAVING MONEY IN THE LONG RUN IF THE RESULTS SUGGEST THAT THE

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1 RESOURCES NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE INVOLUNTARY COMPONENT OF THE
2 PROGRAM DON'T SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVE PATIENT OUTCOMES. BUT MORE
3 IMPORTANTLY, THE UNITED STATES HAS ALWAYS BEEN A COUNTRY IN
4 WHICH WE TAKE CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE OCCASIONAL NEED TO LIMIT
5 THEM VERY SERIOUSLY. THE PEOPLE WHOSE LIBERTY MAY BE LIMITED
6 BY THIS LAW DESERVE TO KNOW THAT WE ARE MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO
7 KEEP THOSE LIMITS TO A MINIMUM. BY PROVIDING FOR AN EVALUATION
8 OF THE NECESSITY OF A COURT ORDER, YOU'LL BE TAKING AN
9 IMPORTANT STEP THAT WILL SERVE TO PROTECT THEIR CIVIL
10 LIBERTIES. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ERIC PREVEN, ARNOLD SACHS
13 AND MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON. YES.

14

15 **PETER ELIASBERG:** I'D LIKE TO ECHO WHAT MR. PILON SAID.
16 OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE VERY WELL MEANING PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF
17 THE DEBATE, AND THE A.C.L.U. HAS WORKED IN VERY CLOSE
18 CONNECTION WITH BOTH MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA LOS ANGELES AND
19 N.A.M.I. ON THE ISSUE OF TRYING TO PUSH THIS COUNTY AWAY FROM
20 INCARCERATING SO MANY PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. HOWEVER, ON
21 THIS DEBATE, WE DO COME ON THE SIDE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
22 AMERICA LOS ANGELES. WE DON'T BELIEVE THE STATISTICS SUPPORT
23 THE IDEA THAT ASSISTED TREATMENT THROUGH COURT ORDER IS
24 EFFECTIVE. WE DO THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT IT POTENTIALLY
25 INFRINGES ON PEOPLE'S CIVIL LIBERTIES AND WE DON'T THINK THAT

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1 THE PROOF IS OUT THERE, THAT IT IS EFFECTIVE. I THINK, LIKE
2 THE IDEA THAT WE WILL GET BETTER MENTAL HEALTH RESULTS BY
3 BUILDING A NICE NEW JAIL, THE DATA DOESN'T SUPPORT THAT
4 CONCLUSION. SO I THINK THE INTENTIONS ARE RIGHT, BUT I THINK
5 THE COUNTY COULD BETTER MEET ITS DESIRE TO HELP PEOPLE WITH
6 MENTAL ILLNESS BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES
7 AVAILABLE. AND AS MR. PILON WAS TALKING ABOUT, THE
8 AGGRESSIVENESS WITH WHICH WE TRY TO PROVIDE THOSE. A.C.T.
9 TEAMS, AND SPENDING MORE MONEY ON A.C.T. TEAMS RATHER THAN
10 SPENDING MONEY ON COURT-ORDERED TREATMENT WOULD BE A MORE
11 EFFECTIVE AND BETTER WAY WITH LESS INFRINGEMENT ON CIVIL
12 LIBERTIES TO GET THE RESULTS THAT ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD
13 CLEARLY WANT, THAN THIS COURT-ORDERED IDEA OF TREATMENT WHICH
14 HAS NOT PROVEN EFFECTIVE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
17 DISTRICT 3. I THINK WE HAVE TO SEPARATE THE CIVIL RIGHTS FROM
18 THE BASIC MEDICAL ISSUES. N.A.M.I AND OTHERS AND FOLKS IN
19 PSYCHIATRY AND DR. MITCHELL KATZ WHO I THINK WE ALL REVERE AS
20 THE CURRENT MESSIAH HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BELIEVE THAT
21 IN FACT, CERTAIN PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS ABSOLUTELY REQUIRE
22 A MANDATORY KIND OF TREATMENT OVER THEIR OBJECTION. THIS IS,
23 OF COURSE, IS WHAT TRIGGERS THE CIVIL RIGHTS PIECE. AND I
24 THINK NOW THAT JACKIE LACEY IS COMING BY TO TALK ABOUT
25 DIVERSION PLANS, THIS IS THE EXACT RIGHT TIME TO BE HAVING

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1 THIS CONVERSATION, BECAUSE THOSE OF US WHO ABSOLUTELY DISFAVOR
2 AND LOATHE THE IDEA OF INCARCERATING MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS IN
3 OUR JAIL SYSTEM ARE EAGER FOR AN ALTERNATIVE. AND IF WE SAID
4 TO A FAMILY MEMBER WHO HAD A MENTALLY ILL INDIVIDUAL, "WE ARE
5 GOING TO INCARCERATE THIS PERSON OR WE ARE GOING TO GIVE THIS
6 PERSON AN ORDER FOR MANDATORY TREATMENT," I THINK MOST
7 FAMILIES WOULD SAY, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE RIGHTS MIGHT BE
8 IMPINGED SLIGHTLY BECAUSE OF THE ISSUE OF VOLUNTARY NATURE OF
9 THAT TREATMENT, I THINK WE MIGHT ALL GRAVITATE TOWARD ANYTHING
10 BUT GOING INTO THE BIG HOUSE. AND THOUGH I DON'T FEEL THAT
11 ANYTHING IS WHAT WE ARE SEEKING, I THINK WHAT WE ARE SEEKING
12 IS GOOD, CREDIBLE SOLUTIONS. AND I THINK THAT BOTH OF THE
13 GENTLEMEN WHO SPOKE BEFORE ME BROUGHT UP THE IMPORTANT ISSUES,
14 WHICH ARE THAT THE ENGAGEMENT INTO THE COMMUNITY IS THE MOST
15 IMPORTANT PIECE. THE COURT-ORDERED EFFECTIVENESS IS, OF
16 COURSE, THE LIFE CHANGE WE'RE LOOKING FOR. BUT IT NEEDS TO BE
17 DONE IN A MANNER THAT IS ABSOLUTELY SENSIBLE AND NOT IN SUCH A
18 MANNER THAT WOULD INFRINGE ON INDIVIDUALS' RIGHTS. I KNOW
19 THESE ARE COMPLICATED ISSUES, BUT I SUPPORT MANDATORY
20 TREATMENT IF INDIVIDUALS ARE IN NEED. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP THEO MILONOPOULOS

23

24 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
25 MARK- ANTHONY JOHNSON. I'M WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, AND I'M

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1 HERE ALSO VOICING SOME SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT THE
2 IMPLEMENTATION LAURA'S LAW. WE JUST HEARD THAT LAURA'S LAW WAS
3 MODEL AFTER A LAW, KENDRA'S LAW IN NEW YORK. UNDER THAT LAW,
4 BLACK FOLKS IN NEW YORK WERE FIVE TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE
5 FORCIBLY TREATED WITH A COURT ORDER. LATINO FOLKS WERE TWO
6 TIMES AS LIKELY THAN WHITE FOLKS TO BE FORCIBLY TREATED WITH A
7 COURT ORDER. AND I THINK WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THIS WITHIN THE
8 CONTEXT OF JAILING AND THE CRIMINALIZATION OF MENTAL HEALTH.
9 THE "NEW YORK TIMES" RELEASED AN ARTICLE RECENTLY LOOKING AT
10 SEVERAL ABUSES, A PATTERN OF ABUSE IN RIKERS ISLAND JAIL WHERE
11 THERE IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT, A LARGE MENTAL HEALTH
12 POPULATION. RIKERS ISLAND JAIL HAS THE LARGEST MENTAL HEALTH
13 POPULATION IN NEW YORK, LARGER THAN ALL THE OTHER STATE
14 HOSPITALS COMBINED IN NEW YORK. LOS ANGELES IS OF SIMILAR
15 SCALE. I THINK WE RUN THE RISK IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT COURT
16 ORDER, WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE DOESN'T FULFILL THE ORDER? WHAT
17 SITUATION ARE WE PUTTING THEM IN? WE'RE CONTINUING TO
18 PERPETUATE THE VIOLENCE THAT FOLKS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING IN
19 THESE CONDITIONS. AND SO I THINK WE REALLY NEED TO BE LOOKING
20 AT THE FULL PICTURE HERE AND MOVING AWAY FROM CRIMINALIZING
21 MENTAL HEALTH. I THINK THERE'S A LOT OF ALTERNATIVES HERE, A
22 LOT OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES THAT HAVE SHOWN TO BE VERY
23 EFFECTIVE. AND LAURA'S LAW ALSO REQUIRES THAT THOSE SERVICES
24 BE BOLSTERED, THAT THEY BE PROTECTED. AND I'M NOT SURE HOW THE
25 COUNTY CAN PROTECT THAT AND ENSURE THAT. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW

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1 HOW WE CAN ACTUALLY HAVE THOSE SERVICES AND HAVE THEM
2 PROTECTED IF A LAW LIKE THIS IS IN PLACE. THE LAST THING I
3 JUST WANT TO SAY IS THAT WHAT LAURA'S LAW HAS DONE IS IT PLAYS
4 INTO THIS FEAR THAT FOLKS WITH MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS ARE
5 VIOLENT PEOPLE. THERE'S A FEAR THAT IF SOMEONE IS-- DOESN'T
6 WANT TREATMENT OR A FEAR THAT IF SOMEONE HAS A MENTAL HEALTH
7 CONDITION, THAT THEY CAN, QUOTE, GO OFF THE HANDLE, OR DO
8 SOMETHING DRASTIC. AND I THINK THERE'S PART OF THAT FEAR IS
9 SOMETHING WE ALSO NEED TO ADDRESS AND SOMETHING THAT'S OF MORE
10 EFFECTIVE, LOOKING AT VOLUNTARY TREATMENTS, LOOKING AT
11 STRONGER COMMUNITY NETWORKS, GETTING PEOPLE SERVICES IN THEIR
12 COMMUNITY RATHER THAN PLAYING INTO THIS CRIMINALIZING
13 NARRATIVE OF FOLKS, MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS AND PLAYING INTO
14 A RACIALIZED NARRATIVE OF AGGRESSION OF FOLKS WITH MENTAL
15 HEALTH CONDITIONS AS WELL. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ARMANDO
18 HERMAN. YES, THEO.

19

20 **THEO MILONOPOULOS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS THEO
21 MILONOPOULOS. I'M A RESIDENT OF SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S THIRD
22 DISTRICT AND A CANDIDATE-- WAS A CANDIDATE IN THE STATEWIDE
23 PRIMARY FOR THE 33RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHERE I WAS A
24 WRITE-IN AMONG MY 18 OTHER OPPONENTS. I RISE IN FAVOR OF THE
25 COUNTY'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT BECAUSE I'M HERE TO SPEAK

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1 ON BEHALF OF MY MOTHER, CONSTANTINA MILONOPOULOS. IN 2010 SHE
2 WAS HOSPITALIZED AT CEDARS-SINAI ON JULY 1ST, 2010 AND WAS
3 RECEIVING MUCH NEEDED TREATMENT WHILE SHE WAS UNDER A 5150
4 HOLD. THAT 5150 HOLD WAS EXTENDED BUT HER INSURANCE COMPANY
5 SAID THAT THEY WOULD NO LONGER COVER SERVICES THAT WERE BEING
6 PROVIDED AND ACTUALLY HELPING HER. THE REASON I SUPPORT
7 EFFORTS LIKE LAURA'S LAW IS BECAUSE THEY ASSIST LOVING FAMILY
8 MEMBERS OF THOSE WHO CANNOT TAKE CARE OF THEIR ADULT PARENTS,
9 IN MY CASE, OR THEIR ADULT CHILDREN. AND I SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
10 ANOTHER RESIDENT OF L.A. COUNTY. HIS NAME WAS ELLIOT RODGER.
11 HE WAS THE SHOOTER IN THE U.C. SANTA BARBARA CASE. HIS
12 PARENTS, DESPITE VERY OBVIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT HIS MENTAL WELL
13 BEING, WERE UNABLE TO SEEK THE TREATMENT THAT HE NEEDED
14 BECAUSE HE WAS NEITHER WELL ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF NOR
15 BAD ENOUGH TO JUSTIFY IMMEDIATE INTERVENTION. A LAW LIKE
16 LAURA'S LAW WOULD HAVE HELPED, PERHAPS, TO RESCUE THIS YOUNG
17 MAN FROM SLIPPING THROUGH THE CRACKS AND PERPETUATING A MASS
18 SLAUGHTER THAT ENDED THE LIVES OF SIX OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE,
19 INCLUDING HIS OWN. I ASK THAT THE COUNTY CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
20 THESE KINDS OF EFFORTS. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SPEAKING WITH
21 YOU AGAIN AT 11 O'CLOCK ON YOUR SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. SACHS?

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. OH, IT IS GOOD
2 MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. LISTENING TO SOME OF THE DISCUSSION, A
3 REALLY-- REALLY THE FIRST STEP HERE, IN SPITE OF WHAT THE
4 A.C.L.U. MIGHT SAY AND EVERYTHING ELSE, IS TAKING THE STEP TO
5 DISASSOCIATE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT AND JAIL. UNTIL YOU DO
6 THAT, YOU'RE JUST WASH, RINSE, REPEAT PROGRAMMING. NO MATTER
7 WHAT YOU DO, IT'S WASH, RINSE, REPEAT. THERE WAS AN
8 INTERESTING STORY, UNFORTUNATELY I DIDN'T HAVE IT WITH ME. BUT
9 IT WAS OVER THE WEEKEND THEY TALKED ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH,
10 JAILING IN CHICAGO. THE L.A. TIMES, ACTUALLY WROTE-- I MUST
11 HAVE PICKED THIS UP ON THE WIRE, BECAUSE I DON'T BELIEVE
12 ANYBODY FROM THE L.A. TIMES KNOWS WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IT IS
13 SOMETIMES. BUT THEY NOTED THAT BACK IN THE '70S AND EVEN
14 EARLIER, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATES STOPPED PROVIDING
15 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT NOW, THEY'RE
16 REQUIRING THE JAILS TO MEET STANDARDS FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE
17 BUT THEY'RE NOT REQUIRING THE STATES TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH
18 SERVICES, SO THERE IS A BIG DISCONNECT THERE. AS LONG AS YOU
19 START PULLING TOGETHER THE PEOPLE WHO NEED MENTAL HELD
20 SERVICES AND RECIDIVISM AND PROGRAMS FOR DIVERSION PROGRAMS
21 BUT REQUIRING THOSE TO BE HELD AT JAIL, YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO
22 GET ANY HEAD WAY IN THIS PROBLEM BECAUSE EVEN CRIMINALS THAT
23 ARE JUST CRIMINALS CAN PICK UP ON HOW TO ACT SO THAT THEY CAN
24 BE PERCEIVED AS BEING MENTALLY ILL. AND THEY GET PUT INTO THE
25 WASH. AND MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE WILL PICK UP THE CHARACTERISTICS

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1 OF CRIMINALS, BUT THEY DON'T BELONG IN JAIL. AND WHY ISN'T THE
2 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT STEPPING UP AND REQUIRING THE STATES TO PUT
3 THOSE MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTES BACK THAT THEY USED TO HAVE?
4 WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? THIS IS LIKE THE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROGRAM.
5 YOU MIGHT HAVE JUST READ THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD A NEW SPUR TO
6 PALMDALE. NEW MONEY. THE REAL PROBLEM HERE IS: IT WON'T BE
7 OPERATIONAL. BECAUSE IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THE FIRST SPUR
8 THEY'RE BUILDING IS NOT GOING TO BE OPERATIONAL. SO THE SECOND
9 SPUR THAT THEY FOUND MONEY FOR WOULD BE OPERATIONAL WHEN THE
10 FIRST SPUR THAT THEY HAD THE MONEY ALLOCATED FOR WOULDN'T BE?
11 THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. USE YOUR MIND AND START TO THINK
12 THESE PROBLEMS THROUGH. THE A.C.L.U. CAN BEAT THAT DRUM ABOUT
13 MENTALLY ILL AND THE JAILS BECAUSE THEY'LL ALWAYS HAVE AN
14 AUDIENCE. GET THE MENTALLY ILL OUT OF THE JAILS, GET THEM INTO
15 THEIR OWN PROGRAMS, NO MATTER WHAT LAW YOU DECIDE TO ENACT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. AND I WON'T
20 REITERATE WHAT THE COMMENTS HERE WERE MADE, BUT WE KNOW TODAY
21 THAT THE HEALTH SERVICE DEPARTMENT HAS FAILED TO PRODUCE AND
22 BE PRODUCTIVE IN PROVIDING THE SERVICES NEEDED FOR THE
23 MAJORITY OF PERSONS WHO SUFFER FROM ANY TYPE OF HEALTH AND
24 SAFETY CONCERN. AND AT THIS POINT, IT MAY POINT OUT TO AN
25 ISSUE. SO UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, UNDER

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1 PROGRAM SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES, WHY CAN WE NOT PROVIDE THE
2 SAME RATIONALE OF SERVICE WHEN IT FALLS UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT
3 AND THE GOVERNMENT ABOVE US, WHICH IS THE FEDERAL AND STATE?
4 WE KNOW THAT TODAY INSTITUTIONALIZING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
5 HEALTH ISSUES OR HEALTH CONCERNS IS NOT THE ANSWER. THE ANSWER
6 OF BUILDING MORE PRISONS TO HOUSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A CONDITION
7 OF MENTAL HEALTH OR A HEALTH CONCERN IS NOT THE ANSWER OF
8 INSTITUTIONALIZING THEM. BUT IF YOU WISH TO CREATE A DEFICIT
9 AND PROLONG THE PROCESS OF RATHER EDUCATING AND IMPROVING THE
10 HEALTH OF PEOPLE, YOUR ACTIONS AGAINST THIS ITEM OR
11 RECOMMENDATION IS A FAILURE OF YOUR OWN DEMISE. FOR FAMILY
12 MEMBERS SUCH AS MY GOOD OLD FRIEND FROM COUNCIL, MR. ALARCON'S
13 SON WHO LIVES IN VENICE BEACH AS A HOMELESS GENTLEMAN, WHAT
14 ABOUT OUR V.A.S WHO HAVE POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS SYNDROMES. IT
15 CAN BE ANY ONE OF US, BUT WHO ARE WE TO JUDGE? FOR SOME OF US
16 WHO ARE MENTALLY IMPAIRED, YES, OBVIOUSLY LOOK IT AND HAVE IT;
17 OTHERS DO NOT. OTHERS HAVE THE CAPACITY AND INTELLIGENCE AND
18 THE GENIUS OF WHAT MANY FIND FREAKISH NATURE. SO WHEN YOU STEP
19 INTO THIS PLATFORM OF DISCUSSION, I SAY TO YOU, AS THE
20 GENTLEMAN IN THE BACKGROUND, MR. BOBBY SHRIVER AND I WILL
21 AGREE THAT WE MUST IMPROVE EVERY ISSUE WHEN IT COMES TO THOSE
22 PERSONS AFFECTED BY HEALTH SERVICES. ANYONE WHO'S IMPAIRED BY
23 EMOTION, MENTAL OR SERIOUS STRESS MUST BE ADDRESSED BY THIS
24 COUNTY'S SERVICES. A MONTH AGO AS YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW I
25 COULDN'T ADEQUATELY PROVIDE FOR MYSELF INSURANCE, AND YET

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1 SOMEHOW THANKS TO GLORIA MOLINA, I FOUND THAT RESOURCE AND I
2 DO APPRECIATE IT. HOWEVER, WHAT ABOUT THE THOUSANDS AND
3 HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE COVERAGE? SO I SAY TO
4 YOU, FIND PRIMARY PHYSICIANS. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PUBLIC
7 SPEAKERS. I JUST ADD THAT THIS IS A PROGRAM, A COMPASSIONATE,
8 COST-EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO ASSISTING THOSE WHO HAVE MENTAL
9 ILLNESS TO BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE NECESSARY TREATMENT TO
10 RESTORE THEM TO BECOME, ONCE AGAIN, A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF OUR
11 SOCIETY. ONE OF THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS HAD MENTIONED WHAT
12 OCCURRED IN ISLA VISTA. THERE'S ANOTHER EXAMPLE JUST RECENTLY
13 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED ARE NOT RECEIVING THE
14 TREATMENT REQUIRED. THIS IS A COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL TREATMENT,
15 IT'S A PATH TO RECOVERY FOR THE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL, MANY
16 WHO ARE INCAPABLE OF RECOGNIZING THEIR ILLNESS. THIS HAS HAD
17 SUCCESS IN OTHER AREAS, DRAMATIC SUCCESS IN IMPROVING THE
18 LIVES OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS. IT WAS NAMED AFTER LAURA WILCOX
19 WHO KILLED BY A DELUSIONAL INDIVIDUAL SUFFERING WITH SEVERE
20 MENTAL ILLNESS. AND IF YOU REMEMBER FORMER ASSEMBLYWOMAN HELEN
21 THOMPSON WAS THE AUTHOR OF THAT LEGISLATION AND OUR BOARD WAS
22 INVOLVED IN HELPING HELEN GET THAT NECESSARY LAW ADOPTED. THAT
23 WAS SINCE SIGNED INTO LAW AT THAT TIME BY GOVERNOR PETE
24 WILSON. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF BEING WITH THE GOVERNOR AND
25 THE ASSEMBLYWOMAN FOR THAT SIGNING. SHE LATER BECAME A

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1 SUPERVISOR ONCE AGAIN IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. BUT A WONDERFUL
2 LEGISLATOR. AND THIS DOES PROVIDE INTENSIVE MENTAL HEALTHCARE
3 TO PEOPLE WHO ARE INCAPABLE OF CONSENTING TO TREATMENT DUE TO
4 THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS. IT'S PATTERNED AFTER NEW YORK STATE'S
5 KENDRA'S LAW, WHICH HAS SHOWED TREMENDOUS SUCCESS JUST AFTER
6 FIVE SHORT YEARS. NEVADA, SAN FRANCISCO AND ORANGE COUNTIES,
7 NEVADA COUNTY, SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY, AND ORANGE COUNTY HAVE
8 ALREADY ADOPTED SIMILAR PROGRAMS THIS PAST YEAR. SUPERVISOR
9 MOLINA.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM WITH THIS LAW AND
12 THE BIGGEST SOLUTION THAT IT SOLVES IS THE ISSUE OF HOW A
13 DETERMINATION IS MADE AS TO WHO IS GOING TO BE ASKED TO GO
14 THROUGH THIS KIND OF A PROCESS. BUT I MUST SAY THAT IT IS
15 SOMETHING WE NEED TO BEGIN TO LOOK INTO. THE ISSUE AND THE
16 RESPONSIBILITY THAT WE HAVE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL IS HIGH ON
17 THE AGENDA OF ALL OF US AS SUPERVISORS. BUT THE DIFFICULTY OF
18 WATCHING WHAT USED TO HAPPEN BEFORE WITH THE
19 INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF SO MANY PEOPLE THAT IT MAKES YOU VERY
20 NERVOUS AS TO WHERE YOU STEP AND HOW YOU MOVE FORWARD. SO
21 HAVING A PROCESS IN PLACE AND CERTAINLY HAVING THE COUNTY BE A
22 PART OF IT I THINK IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP. I FOLLOWED-- IS
23 IT ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMPSON OR SENATOR THOMPSON?

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASSEMBLYWOMAN.

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2 **SUP. MOLINA:** ASSEMBLYWOMAN, AND I REALLY WATCHED HER COURAGE

3 AS SHE TACKLED THIS ISSUE. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT

4 ISSUES THERE IS. AND YET AT THE SAME TIME, A BIG PART OF OUR

5 HOMELESS PROBLEM LET ALONE PROBLEMS IN OUR JAILS IS DEALING

6 WITH THE FACT THAT WE HAVE CLOSED DOWN OUR INSTITUTIONS, YET

7 AT THE SAME TIME WE DIDN'T CREATE ENOUGH BEDS, ENOUGH

8 FACILITIES AND A MECHANISM TO HOLD SO MANY PEOPLE THAT

9 UNFORTUNATELY NOT ONLY ARE DANGER TO OTHERS, BUT DANGER TO

10 THEMSELVES, AS WELL. BUT HOW YOU STRIKE THAT BALANCE IS GOING

11 TO BE A KEY COMPONENT OF EVERY ASPECT AS TO HOW WE LOOK AT IT.

12 IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS COMING TO US

13 TODAY TO TALK TO US ABOUT THE DIVERSION PROGRAM, AS WELL,

14 WHICH I THINK IS GOING TO INCORPORATE LAURA'S LAW IN A MAJOR,

15 MAJOR WAY AND YET AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS GOING TO HAVE A VERY

16 TOUGH TIME AS IT MOVES THROUGH ITS PROCESS WHICH I THINK IS

17 TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO INCORPORATE DIVERSION INTO HOW WE DEAL

18 WITH MANY OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE MENTALLY ILL THAT HAVE

19 COMMITTED CRIMES AS TO HOW WE WILL FIND ENOUGH BEDS, HOW WE'RE

20 GOING TO GET THIS LAW TO WORK FOR SOME OF THESE FOLKS IN ORDER

21 TO REALLY GET THEM THE TREATMENT THAT THEY NEED. AND SO IT'S

22 ALWAYS GOING TO BE STRIKING THAT BALANCE. BUT I APPLAUD

23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IN THE WORK THAT HE'S DOING. THIS IS

24 ALWAYS A TOUGH CALL AND A TOUGH ISSUE. BUT I THINK THAT IF WE

25 INCORPORATE IT INTO THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING AND WE MONITOR

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1 IT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND TRY AND MAKE SURE-- WE DON'T WANT
2 TO GO BACK TO THE DAYS WHERE PEOPLE WERE INSTITUTIONALIZED
3 WHERE IT WAS VERY HARMFUL TO THEMSELVES AND TO ALL OF US AS A
4 SOCIETY. BUT I THINK THAT THE KEY HERE IS GOING TO BE PUTTING
5 OUR OWN SPIN ON IT, LOOKING AT ITS IMPLEMENTATION AND FINDING
6 THOSE WAYS IT WILL BENEFIT THE PEOPLE WE WANT TO SERVE, AND
7 THAT IS THE PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS THAT WE NEED
8 TO TAKE CARE OF. WE HAVE FACILITIES AVAILABLE. WE HAVE
9 MEDICATION AVAILABLE. BUT AS WE ALL KNOW, MANY OF THE PEOPLE
10 WHO NEED THESE KINDS OF THINGS JUST DON'T NECESSARILY
11 VOLUNTEER OR HAVE THE ABILITY TO NAVIGATE THE KIND OF HEALTH
12 CARE SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE. SO KIND OF STRIKING THAT BALANCE IS
13 GOING TO BE THE KEY COMPONENT IN LAURA'S LAW. SO THANK YOU FOR
14 THIS.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. I'LL MOVE. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
17 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. MAYOR PRO TEM, WOULD YOU LIKE
20 TO DO ADJOURNMENTS?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. BEGINNING WITH THE FIRST SUPERVISORIAL
23 DISTRICT, DO YOU HAVE ADJOURNMENTS?

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES, I DO. MR. CHAIRMAN, I'D LIKE TO ASK IF ALL
2 MEMBERS WOULD JOIN ME IN THE MEMORY OF COLON OLLAGUE. HE'S THE
3 BELOVED FATHER OF MY LONGTIME STAFF MEMBER, LOUISA OLLAGUE. I
4 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR KEEPING LOUISA IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND
5 PRAYERS DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR HER.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND. ALL MEMBERS.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WISH TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FORMER
10 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE, RUTH APODACA WHO HAS
11 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98. RUTH WAS A BELOVED MEMBER OF THE
12 DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 18 YEARS, AND WAS A LONGTIME SAN GABRIEL
13 VALLEY RESIDENT. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER
14 FAMILY, HER FRIENDS AND FORMER COLLEAGUES. SHE HAD A GOOD LONG
15 LIFE.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
18 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN,
21 COLLEAGUES. I ASK THAT YOU JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF
22 RODNEY SHEPHERD, A PRODUCT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MADE
23 HIS WAY THROUGH THE ROUGH SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN, IN SOME
24 RESPECTS, FIGURATIVELY SPEAKING, BECAME A DEVELOPER AND WORKED
25 HAND-IN-HAND WITH FAITH-BASED, NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT

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1 CORPORATIONS TO MAKE HIS MARK ON SEVERAL CORRIDORS IN THE
2 SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. PASSED
3 SUDDENLY LAST WEEK. WE REMEMBER WITH RESPECT RODNEY SHEPHERD.
4 MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, BERTHA BREMOND-HARTFIELD, BORN
5 APRIL 7, 1936 IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. SHE PASSED ON JULY THE
6 5TH AND SHE WAS 78 YEARS OLD. SHE GRADUATED FROM A HIGH SCHOOL
7 KNOWN AS PHYLLIS WHEATLEY AND CONTINUED HER EDUCATION AT
8 PRAIRIE VIEW A&M IN TEXAS WHERE SHE RECEIVED A DEGREE IN MUSIC
9 WITH A MINOR IN SPANISH. SHE MARRIED ONE WHO WE KNOW WALTER
10 BREMOND IN 1957 AND THEN EARNED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN EDUCATION
11 FROM PEPPERDINE HERE IN LOS ANGELES. SHE TAUGHT MUSIC AND
12 ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE FOR L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
13 FOR SOME 20 YEARS. AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY,
14 VOLUNTEERING AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE AND
15 SERVING IN VARIOUS MINISTRIES AT HER CHURCH. SHE WILL BE
16 REMEMBERED FOR HER COMPASSION AND DEDICATION TO IMPROVING THE
17 LIVES OF CHILDREN, YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY BY INSTILLING
18 IN THEM A THIRST FOR KNOWLEDGE AS WELL AS A LOVE FOR MUSIC.
19 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON MICHAEL, HER DAUGHTER CHARISSE,
20 DAUGHTER DIANDRA, BROTHERS CHESTER AND LEO AND HER SISTER
21 JACKIE, HER CAREGIVER MARTHA AND MANY OTHER FRIENDS AND FAMILY
22 WHO WILL MOST ASSUREDLY MISS HER. BERTHA BREMOND-HARTFIELD,
23 MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES.
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO ORDERED.

2 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN WITH ME
5 IN ADJOURNING IN THE MEMORY OF SEYMOUR FEERST. SEYMOUR WAS A
6 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
7 OF 85. BORN AND RAISED IN THE BRONX, HE WAS A VETERAN OF THE
8 KOREAN WAR, GRADUATED THE CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK, WAS A
9 SUCCESSFUL MANAGER AND BUSINESSMAN. HE WAS A LOVING HUSBAND,
10 FATHER AND GRANDFATHER KNOWN FOR HIS SENSE OF HUMOR AND
11 NATURAL GRACE AS AN ATHLETE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 63
12 YEARS, GLORIA, THREE CHILDREN, JODY LITVAK, WHO ALL OF US KNOW
13 IN THE CAPACITY AS METRO COMMUNITY RELATIONS WORK. ALSO
14 SURVIVED BY ADAM FEERST AND ETHAN FEERST AND FIVE
15 GRANDCHILDREN. I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RICHARD
16 STOCKS, LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
17 AND GOOD FRIEND OF MY OFFICE, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY. HE BEGAN
18 HIS LIFE IN PUBLIC SERVICE AS AN ADMINISTRATOR AND TEACHER AT
19 NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL IN SHERMAN OAKS. HE WENT ON TO SERVE
20 AND PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES OVER THE COURSE OF A 32-
21 YEAR L.A.P.D. CAREER. WHILE SERVING WITH THE DEPARTMENT, HE
22 DEVELOPED THE MODIFIED D.A.R.E. SCHOOL PRESENTATION AND
23 OFFICER TRAINING COURSES. HE HAD A PASSION FOR HELPING TO
24 EDUCATE FAMILIES AND AT-RISK YOUTH, SO HE CREATED THE JEOPARDY
25 "BALANCING THE ODDS" PROGRAM, BASED IN PACOIMA AND IT'S STILL

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1 GOING STRONG TODAY. HE SERVED AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF
2 DIRECTORS OF OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS
3 AND WAS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE HEAR CENTER IN PASADENA. SADLY
4 HE PASSED AWAY EXACTLY ONE YEAR AFTER RETIRING FROM THE
5 L.A.P.D. LAST YEAR. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS KINDNESS,
6 HIS GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT AND SENSE OF HUMOR. HE WAS A MENTOR
7 TO HIS FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES AND THE MANY NONPROFITS THAT
8 BENEFITED FROM HIS EXPERTISE. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS LIFETIME
9 PARTNER BEVERLY FROLICH. S. MARK JORDAN, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
10 L.A. COUNTY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTOR FOR MORE THAN 60 YEARS,
11 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE PERFORMED WIDELY ON STAGE FROM
12 BROADWAY TO REGIONAL THEATER IN COMEDY, DRAMAS AND MUSICALS
13 AND PRODUCTIONS RANGING FROM "FUNNY GIRL," "KISS ME KATE,"
14 "GUYS AND DOLLS," TO "ZORBA" AND EVEN "TITANIC." HIS T.V.
15 ROLES INCLUDED A REGULAR PART IN "NIGHT COURT." "SANCHEZ OF
16 BEL AIR" AND "DAYS OF OUR LIVES." HE WAS AN ARDENT ADVOCATE
17 FOR HIS PROFESSION, AND SERVED AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL
18 COUNCIL OF ACTORS' EQUITY ASSOCIATION FOR 28 YEARS. SURVIVED
19 BY WIFE MARCIA, A DAUGHTER, REBECCA KIM JORDAN, AND OTHER
20 FAMILY MEMBERS. AND LASTLY DICK JONES, RESIDENT OF OUR
21 DISTRICT IN NORTHRIDGE AND PROLIFIC ACTOR, BEST KNOWN AS VOICE
22 OF PINOCCHIO IN THE 1940 CLASSIC DISNEY ANIMATED FEATURE, WHO
23 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 87. OVER THE COURSE OF HIS LONG
24 CAREER, HE APPEARED MORE THAN 100 FILMS AND TELEVISION SHOWS
25 INCLUDING MANY FILMS WITH GENE AUTRIE, IN THE TITLE ROLE OF

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1 THE 1950S WESTERN SERIES, "BUFFALO BILL, JR." HE WAS BORN IN
2 TEXAS. HE GOT HIS START IN SHOW BUSINESS AS A YOUNG RODEO
3 PERFORMER. HIS TALENT EVENTUALLY CARRIED HIM TO HOLLYWOOD
4 WHERE HE BECAME A BUSY CHILD ACTOR THROUGHOUT THE 1930S,
5 APPEARING IN FILMS WITH AL JOLSON, JAMES STEWART, HENRY FONDA
6 AND OTHER STARS OF THE ERA BEFORE LANDING THE ROLE OF A
7 LIFETIME FOR WALT DISNEY. AS AN ADULT, HE EVENTUALLY LEFT
8 ACTING BEHIND AND FOUNDED HIS OWN REAL ESTATE AGENCY, AND HE
9 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 66 YEARS, BETTY, TWO SONS RICK AND
10 JEFFREY, TWO SISTERS JENNAFER JONES AND MELODY HUME, SIX
11 GRANDCHILDREN AND FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
14 MEMORY OF DR. BERNARD PATRICK NOVAK WHO PASSED AWAY ON JUNE
15 26TH AT THE AGE OF 70. HE WAS A SURGEON AT ST. JUDE'S HOSPITAL
16 IN FULLERTON. RESERVE OFFICER OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE
17 DEPARTMENT AIR SUPPORT DIVISION AND A RESERVE ORANGE COUNTY
18 DEPUTY SHERIFF. WILLIAM PATRICK KIRKEBY, INSURANCE BROKER,
19 RESIDENT OF CLAREMONT, BROTHER OF MY ATTORNEY, TOM KIRKEBY. HE
20 LEAVES HIS WIFE LINDA, HIS SON JOHN AND FOUR BROTHERS. AUDREY
21 ELLEN MALLICK, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, WAS A GREAT
22 GRANDMOTHER, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 83. SHE WAS INVOLVED IN
23 THE COMMUNITY. WILLIAM IRVIN, RETIRED FROM THE LOS ANGELES
24 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. PASSED AWAY ON JULY 1ST. HIS LAST
25 ASSIGNMENT WAS THE LOGISTICS UNIT. JAMES MATT GIBSON, LONGTIME

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1 RESIDENT OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. WORKED FOR THE LOS
2 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 26 YEARS, RETIRING AS A
3 LIEUTENANT. MARIO STEVEN CRUZ, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF SANTA
4 CLARITA. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 54. HE WORKED FOR THE
5 LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 23 YEARS AND LATER WAS THE
6 MANAGER OF THE CASTAIC R.V. PARK. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO
7 CHILDREN AND SIX SIBLINGS. DAVID WAYNE SKIDMORE, RESIDENT OF
8 QUARTZ HILL. TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A MOTORCYCLE CRASH AT THE
9 AGE OF 58. HE WAS A VETERAN IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, WORKED
10 WITH THE EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE. VOLUNTEERED WITH ANTELOPE
11 VALLEY Y.M.C.A. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER.
12 PAUL STANDRIDGE, RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
13 DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY ON JULY 2ND. HE JOINED THE DEPARTMENT
14 IN 1956, RETIRING FROM THE TEMPLE STATION IN 1986. CHARLES
15 WEATHERS III, RETIRED DEPUTY SHERIFF. PASSED AWAY ON JULY 9TH.
16 HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS THE PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER. SANDY
17 WESTON BOULWARE, RESIDENT OF EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. SHE WAS
18 CHAIR OF THE REFLECTIONS PROGRAM FOR THE LA VERNE-SAN DIMAS
19 SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND DIANA DIXON-DAVIS, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
20 CHATSWORTH, SERVED AS A MEMBER ON THE SANTA SUSANA FIELD
21 LABORATORY CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP AND WAS VICE PRESIDENT OF
22 THE NORTHWEST VALLEY P.T.A. ALSO A MEMBER OF THE CHATSWORTH
23 FINE ARTS COUNCIL, AND SERVED AS THE TREASURER FOR THE SANTA
24 SUSANA MOUNTAIN PARK ASSOCIATION, AND THE CHATSWORTH COMMUNITY
25 COORDINATING COUNCIL. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER THREE SONS.

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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO BE ADDED TO DIANE DIXON.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. HE WANTS
5 TO BE ADDED ON THERE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE
6 HAVE A SET ITEM AT 11 A.M. AND THAT'S THE C.C.J.V. UPDATE.
7 MICHAEL?

8

9 **RICHARD DROOYAN:** WE'RE WAITING FOR THIS TO BOOT UP, BUT IN THE
10 MEANWHILE, LET ME START BY INDICATING THAT THIS IS ANTICIPATED
11 TO BE MY LAST REPORT REGARDING THE OPERATIONS OF THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT. PARDON ME? AND THE DEPARTMENT'S IMPLEMENTATION OF
13 THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL
14 VIOLENCE. AND TO MY RIGHT IS THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, MAX
15 HUNTSMAN, APPOINTED BY THIS BOARD. AND IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT
16 AMONG HIS OFFICE'S CONTINUING DUTIES WILL BE TO MONITOR THE
17 DEPARTMENT'S IMPLEMENTATIONS OF THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS
18 AS WELL AS THE DEPARTMENT'S ADHERENCE TO THE OTHER
19 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION. WITH THAT, SO
20 THE FIRST TWO SLIDES YOU'VE SEEN BEFORE, BUT THEY REFLECT THE
21 DEPARTMENT'S PROGRESS OVER THE LAST 18 MONTHS ON THE
22 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE JAIL VIE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.
23 JUST STARTING WITH JANUARY OF 2013 WHEN THEY HAD IMPLEMENTED
24 20, PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED 11 AND WERE IN PROGRESS ON 27 AND
25 HAD NOT STARTED 2 OF THEM. AND THEN WE WORK OUR WAY DOWN TO

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1 WHERE WE ARE TODAY, THE DEPARTMENT HAS IMPLEMENTED 45 OF THE
2 RECOMMENDATIONS, PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED 10, AND 5 HAVE IN
3 PROGRESS. AND THIS IS A BREAKDOWN OF THAT LAST CHART BY THE
4 CATEGORIES OF THE JAIL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION. YOU CAN
5 SEE THAT IN THE USE OF FORCE, FOR EXAMPLE, TENTATIVE AND
6 IMPLEMENTED, TWO ARE IN PROGRESS, AND THE TWO THAT ARE IN
7 PROGRESS DO HAVE CURRENT AND FUTURE FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.
8 MANAGEMENT TENTATIVE AND IMPLEMENTED, TWO ARE IN PROGRESS AND
9 ONE HAS A FUTURE FUNDING REQUIREMENT, WHICH WE'LL TALK ABOUT.
10 THE CULTURE AND PERSONNEL AND TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS, YOU
11 SEE THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM THAT ARE ONLY PARTIALLY
12 IMPLEMENTED. AGAIN, THAT IS DUE TO THE ONGOING NATURE OF THE
13 FUNDING AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CUSTODY TRAINING AND
14 STANDARDS BUREAU THAT WILL IMPLEMENT MANY OF THOSE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS. THIS GIVES YOU A MORE DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF
16 THE STATUS OF THE REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS. THE PARTIALLY
17 IMPLEMENTED RECOMMENDATIONS, FIVE OF THEM ARE ADDITIONAL
18 TRAINING. ONE IS ADDITIONAL SUPERVISION. ONE IS ADDITIONAL
19 CUSTODY ASSISTANTS. ONE IS THE CREATION OF THE CUSTODY
20 DIVISION, SEPARATE OPERATIONS. THAT'S GOING TO BE A LONG-TERM
21 GOAL. I THINK THE DEPARTMENT IS WELL ON IT IS WAY TOWARDS
22 CREATING A DISTINCT CUSTODY OPERATIONS, BUT IT WILL TAKE A
23 NUMBER OF YEARS BEFORE THEY COULD REALLY CREATE A DISTINCT
24 CUSTODY DIVISION. AND THEN ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS AND THE
25 HANDLING OF INMATE GRIEVANCES, ALL OF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS

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1 HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT. AND THIS IS
2 THE STATUS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE IN PROGRESS. THE
3 NEW DATA TRACKING SYSTEM, BODY SCANNERS, THE RE-ALLOCATION OF
4 ADMINISTRATIVE RESOURCES, THE CREATION OF AN INTERNAL AUDIT
5 AND INSPECTIONS DIVISION, AND ADDITIONAL C.C.T.V. CAMERAS.
6 THIS CHART IS REALLY REPORT OF THE RECENT DEVELOPMENT SINCE
7 OUR LAST REPORT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS DEVELOPED ANNUAL TRAINING
8 PLANS IN THE CUSTODY TRAINING AND STANDARDS BUREAU. I'VE HAD
9 SOME GIVE AND TAKE WITH THE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THOSE
10 TRAINING PLANS. AND I WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THEY WILL BE
11 FINALIZED AND IN PLACE FOR ANNUAL TRAINING STARTING NEXT YEAR.
12 THE DEPARTMENT HAS REVISED THE MANUAL OF POLICY PROCEDURES IN
13 LIGHT OF THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION IN HAYES VERSUS COUNTY
14 OF SAN DIEGO AND JUST HAS A MEET AND CONSULT REQUIREMENT WITH
15 THE UNIONS AND THEN IT WILL IMPLEMENT THAT POLICY. THE
16 DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH THE BOARD'S CONSULTANTS HAS DEVELOPED
17 NEW PROTOCOLS FOR THE REVIEW AND THE INVESTIGATION OF FORCE
18 INCIDENTS. I REVIEWED THOSE PROTOCOLS. THEY HAVE A NUMBER OF
19 CHECKLISTS WHICH WILL MAKE IT MUCH EASIER FOR SERGEANTS WHO
20 ARE CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATIONS AND LIEUTENANTS WHO ARE
21 CONDUCTING THE REVIEWS. IT WILL ALSO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE
22 REVIEWS ARE COMPREHENSIVE AND IN ALL ASPECTS OF FORCE
23 INVESTIGATION ARE LOOKED AT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS NOW ASSIGNED
24 21 PERSONNEL TO THE INTERNAL MONITORING AND ACCOUNTABILITY
25 COMMAND. THEY CALL IT THE IMPACT DEMAND, WHICH IS REALLY THEIR

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1 INTERNAL AUDIT DIVISION. THEY HAVE OBTAINED NEW AUDITOR
2 CLASSIFICATIONS FROM THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. THEY'VE RETAINED THE
3 AUDITOR CONSULTANT. AND I THINK THE DEPARTMENT IS STARTING TO
4 MAKE SOME REAL PROGRESS IN SETTING UP THE INTERNAL AUDIT
5 DIVISION. THEY'VE COMMENCED THE BODY SCANNER PILOT PROGRAM.
6 AND I THINK IT HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL. THERE ARE CONCERNS IN
7 THE DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO HOW MUCH-- HOW MANY ADDITIONAL
8 BODY SCANNERS THEY CAN USE. IT WOULD REQUIRE ADDITIONAL
9 PERSONNEL TO BE ABLE TO FULLY STAFF A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL
10 BODY SCANNERS. SO I THINK THE LESSON SO FAR FROM THE BODY
11 SCANNER PILOT PROGRAM IS THAT IT IS EFFECTIVE, BUT IT MAY BE
12 LIMITED BY PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS. AND THEN, FINALLY, THE
13 DEPARTMENT HAS NOW BEEN HOLDING QUARTERLY S.C.I.F.S. THESE ARE
14 THE MANAGEMENT OVERVIEW OF CUSTODY OPERATIONS CHAIRED BY THE
15 ASSISTANT SHERIFF, TERRI MCDONALD. MR. HUNTSMAN AND I ATTENDED
16 THE LAST ONE. I'VE ATTENDED THE LAST TWO. AND THEY ARE A
17 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE OPERATIONS IN CUSTODY. AND THIS
18 IS-- THIS CHART JUST REFLECTS THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET TIMELINE
19 FOR THE COMPLETION OF A NUMBER OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE
20 ONGOING FUNDING THAT'S REQUIRED. SO THE COMPUTER UPGRADE
21 SHOULD BE DONE IN PAGE 3, FISCAL YEAR 2015 AND '16. THE
22 INTERNAL AUDITOR'S INSPECTION DIVISION WHICH WE JUST LOOKED
23 AT, ALSO BE COMPLETED IN PHASE 3. ADDITIONAL TRAINING SHOULD
24 BE COMPLETED IN PHASE 3. ADDITIONAL SUPERVISORS SHOULD BE
25 COMPLETED THIS YEAR, WHICH IS PHASE 2, FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND

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1 '15. ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATORS IS PHASE 3, AND ADDITIONAL
2 CAMERAS IS PHASE 5, FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018. AND THEN THE FINAL
3 CHART SHOWS THE STATUS OF THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL
4 C.C.T.V. CAMERAS. THEY REMAIN ON TRACK TO MEET THIS SCHEDULE
5 SO THAT THE INSTALLATION OF THOSE ADDITIONAL CAMERAS, 238 IN
6 M.C.J. SHOULD BE DONE NEXT MONTH AND OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF
7 THE YEAR. SIMILARLY THE 96 CAMERAS IN TWIN TOWERS SHOULD BE
8 INSTALLED BY NOVEMBER AND OPERATIONAL BY THE END OF THE YEAR,
9 AND YOU CAN SEE THE FIGURES FOR I.R.C. AND C.R.D.F. I THINK
10 THE DEPARTMENT-- FIRST OF ALL, LET ME SAY THAT THE DEPARTMENT
11 HAS BEEN FULLY COOPERATIVE UNDER BOTH SHERIFF BACA AND SHERIFF
12 SCOTT, ESPECIALLY OPERATIONS UNDER TERRI MCDONALD. THEY HAVE
13 BEEN INCREDIBLY RESPONSIVE TO ALL MY REQUESTS. AND I'VE
14 RECEIVED REALLY THE COMPLETE COOPERATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT,
15 AND I APPRECIATE THAT COOPERATION. AND I THINK WHERE WE ARE
16 NOW, THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS, BUT IT IS
17 TIME FOR THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TO TAKE OVER WITH THE
18 STAFF THAT HE IS ASSEMBLING. I THINK THEY WILL BE IN A
19 POSITION TO DO A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S
20 CONTINUING ADHERENCE TO THE JAIL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS.
21 BUT I DO THINK THE JAIL OPERATIONS IS A DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION
22 THAN WHAT WE SAW TWO YEARS AGO. CULTURALLY, LEADERSHIP,
23 MANAGEMENT, SUPERVISION, FORCE. THANKS TO THE BOARD SETTING UP
24 THE JAIL COMMISSION, THE JAIL COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AND
25 THE DEPARTMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO EMBRACE THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS

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1 AND IMPLEMENT THEM, I THINK WE SEE A VERY DIFFERENT DEPARTMENT
2 TODAY THAN WE DID TWO YEARS AGO. AND THAT COMPLETES MY REPORT.
3 AND I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

4

5 **TERRI MCDONALD:** GOOD MORNING. TERRI MCDONALD, ASSISTANT
6 SHERIFF, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THANK YOU,
7 MR. DROOYAN, FOR YOUR REPORT AND YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN REFORMING
8 THE JAILS. I'M GOING TO KIND OF COVER THE SAME TYPE OF DATA
9 WE'VE TALKED ABOUT IN THE PAST AS WE GO FORWARD SO THE FIRST
10 ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE STATUS OF HIRING. WE ARE NOT
11 EXPERIENCING ANY HIRING PROBLEMS IN THE ITEMS THAT THE BOARD
12 HAS AUTHORIZED US AND THE C.E.O. HAS AUTHORIZED US TO FILL,
13 WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO FILL WITHOUT TOO MUCH TROUBLE. FORCE
14 STATISTICS? THIS IS KIND OF THE A BREAKDOWN OF THE THREE
15 CATEGORIES. CATEGORY 1 WHERE THERE'S REALLY NO INJURIES, NO
16 SERIOUS INJURIES, NO ALLEGATIONS OF FORCE. 2, THERE MAY BE AN
17 INJURY OR YOU COULD SEE HERE THE USE OF A TASER IS CAPTURED IN
18 2. AND THEN CATEGORY 3 ARE KIND OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS, CRIMINAL
19 INVESTIGATIONS ROLLOUT. I REPORTED LAST TIME THAT WE HAD A
20 FORCE THAT WASN'T REPORTED SO FAR THIS YEAR AND WE'VE OPENED
21 AN INVESTIGATION ON THAT ONE. IN THE PAST I'VE KIND OF SHOWN
22 YOU THE FORCE TRENDS OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. I THINK WE'RE AT
23 THE POINT NOW WHERE WE REALLY NEED TO TALK ABOUT WHAT'S
24 HAPPENING SINCE WE CHANGED THE POLICY. WE CONTINUED TO TREND
25 BELOW OUR FIVE-YEAR AVERAGE ON FORCE, BUT I REALLY WANT TO TRY

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1 TO COMPARE APPLES TO APPLES AND ORANGES TO ORANGES. THE USE-
2 OF-FORCE POLICY AND REPORTING CHANGE JANUARY 1 OF 2013, SO
3 THIS CURRENT REPORT AND THE ONE THAT I'D LIKE TO USE IN THE
4 FUTURE REFLECTS THE FORCE INCIDENTS SINCE THE CHANGE OF THE
5 POLICY. YOU CAN SEE THAT WE ARE TRENDED UP ABOUT 5 PERCENT
6 THIS QUARTER, THIS FIRST SIX MONTHS THIS YEAR OVER LAST YEAR
7 AND YOU CAN SEE WHICH ARE EXPERIENCING THAT TRENDING UP. SO
8 THE WOMEN'S FACILITY, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCREASE OF
9 FORCE, ABOUT A 47 PERCENT INCREASE BECAUSE THE NUMBERS ARE
10 LOW, THAT INCREASE IS HIGH, BUT IT'S STILL A CONCERN FOR ME.
11 IT'S DRIVEN BY PRIMARILY BY THE INCREASE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
12 POPULATION. BUT I THINK IT'S AN AREA IN WHICH WE'VE GOT TO
13 TARGET INCREASED TRAINING TO DEESCALATE SO WE CAN REDUCE THE
14 NUMBER OF FORCE INCIDENTS. THE INMATE RECEPTION CENTER, REALLY
15 JUST ABOUT EVEN, TO BE HONEST WITH YOU. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
16 SLIGHTLY UP, BUT THE POPULATIONS ARE SLIGHTLY UP. SO THEY'RE
17 REALLY JUST ABOUT EVEN. THE NEXT AREA OF CONCERN FOR ME IS THE
18 NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, N.C.C.F., THAT'S A HIGHER
19 SECURITY MALE-DORMED FACILITY. YOU CAN SEE THAT WE WENT FROM
20 ABOUT 30 USES OF FORCE IN THIS PERIOD LAST YEAR TO 45. THOSE
21 FORCES WERE PRIMARILY GANG-RELATED FORCES. WE HAD A
22 SIGNIFICANT DISTURBANCE IN THREE DORMS THIS LAST QUARTER. IT
23 TOOK A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO QUELL IT, AND, REALLY, THE
24 PREVALENCE OF PRISON GANG INFLUENCES AND PRESSURING WITHIN
25 N.C.C.F., SO WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO DEESCALATE GANG

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1 ACTIVITY, DRUG TRAFFICKING AS WELL AS INCREASE POSITIVE
2 PROGRAMMING IN THAT FACILITY. THAT'S THE GROWTH THERE. NORTH
3 IS DOUBLED, BUT NORTH HAS A REALLY, REALLY SMALL NUMBERS OF
4 FORCE FOR THE TYPE OF POPULATION WE HAVE IN THERE. SO I
5 CONTINUE TO BE IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK IS DOING TO QUELL
6 VIOLENCE AND ACTIVITY. AND SOUTH, YOU CAN SEE, IS ACTUALLY
7 DOWN, AND THAT JUST MAY BE A TREND ANOMALY. IT MAY BE RELATED
8 TO INCREASED PROGRAMMING UP AT SOUTH, BUT THAT'S OUR LOWEST
9 SECURITY FACILITY. THEN TWIN TOWERS AS I REPORTED LAST TIME, I
10 WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWTH OF FORCE INCIDENTS IN TWIN
11 TOWERS. IT'S RELATIVELY STABILIZED. I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT BEGIN
12 TO GO DOWN. BUT THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEING. AND I'D LIKE TO
13 BEGIN TO REPORT FROM THIS NEW BASELINE. I'LL TALK ABOUT FORCE
14 ALLEGATIONS. THESE ARE WHERE INMATES ARE MAKING ALLEGATIONS
15 THAT STAFF USED UNNECESSARY EXCESSIVE FORCE. LAST YEAR YOU CAN
16 SEE TOTAL WE HAD 95 OF THEM. I SPOKE LAST TIME ABOUT HOW
17 HELPFUL THE CAMERAS HAVE BEEN IN INVESTIGATING FORCE
18 ALLEGATIONS. THEY'VE BEEN REALLY PRICELESS FOR THAT. WHERE WE
19 BELIEVE THERE'S BEEN A FORCE, IT GIVES US EVIDENCE TO DEAL
20 WITH THAT. AND WHERE THERE HASN'T BEEN A FORCE OR THE FORCE
21 WAS APPROPRIATE, THE CAMERAS ARE HELPING. THIS YEAR YOU CAN
22 SEE, TO DATE WE HAD ROUGHLY 30, WHICH IS FAR LESS THAN HALF OF
23 WHAT WE HAD LAST YEAR. MANY OF THEM ARE STILL UNDER REVIEW.
24 BUT WE'LL BE ABLE TO REPORT ON HOW WE'RE DOING IN THAT AREA.
25 WE HAD SET SOME TRAINING GOALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FUNDING

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1 THAT WAS GIVEN TO US. AND THE TRAINING GOALS, I'M HAPPY TO
2 REPORT, WE'VE HIT THEM ALL. WE HAD A ROUGHER TIME HITTING THE
3 INMATE EXTRACTION TRAINING BECAUSE WE WERE A LITTLE BIT
4 DELAYED IN GETTING THE POLICY APPROVED THROUGH SOME ROBUST AND
5 HEALTHY DIALOG ABOUT THE POLICY, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO HIT THAT
6 TARGET. AS MR. DROOYAN SPOKE ABOUT, WHAT WE MOVED ABOUT IS THE
7 EMPLOYEE'S ABILITY TO PICK THEIR COURSES AND THEY ARE NOW
8 REQUIRED TO ATTEND COURSES THAT WE MANDATE FOR THEM, EITHER
9 INITIALLY ON INTAKE WE HIRE THEM ONE TIME TRAINING OR
10 ANNUALLY. SO WE'RE DOING WELL WITH THE TRAINING GOALS.
11 GRIEVANCES, I'VE REPORTED BEFORE CONTINUES TO BE A CONCERN FOR
12 ME. IT CONCERNS ME BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A GOOD FEEL THAT
13 THEY'RE WELL TRACKED AND WELL-DEFINED FOR US. AND SO WE HAD
14 DONE THE IPAD KIOSK PROGRAM. AND ESSENTIALLY ALL THAT IS, IS A
15 COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT'S WITHIN DORMS AT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND
16 C.R.D.F. I THINK I REPORTED LAST TIME I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT
17 THIS PILOT. I DIDN'T HAVE AS OF FAITH IN IT AS MR. DROOYAN
18 DID, BUT I'VE BEEN CONVERTED. AND WHAT THIS PROGRAM DOES, IT
19 ALLOWS ME TO BE COMFORTED THAT THE INMATES HAVE ACCESS TO THE
20 GRIEVANCE. BUT WE'VE ALSO FIGURED OUT A WAY IN WHICH IT'S
21 GENERATING SOME PRETTY GOOD REPORTS. IT'S AN AREA IN WHICH WE
22 NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB IN BECAUSE FROM A PERFORMANCE METRICS
23 SYSTEM, GRIEVANCES ARE THE EARLY WARNING DETECTION OF
24 PROBLEMS. I'D LIKE TO SEEK A WAY IN WHICH THE INMATE WELFARE
25 FUND CAN EXPAND THIS PILOT PROGRAM TO SOME MORE DORMS AS WE

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1 MOVE FORWARD. AND SO THAT PROGRAM I'VE BEEN LARGELY PLEASED
2 WITH. BUT GRIEVANCES IS AN AREA THAT WE HAVE ASSIGNED A
3 CAPTAIN FULL TIME TO TRY TO HELP FIND A WAY TO MAKE IT A
4 BETTER SYSTEM. MR. DROOYAN SPOKE ABOUT THE CAMERAS, REALLY NO
5 BARRIER IN THE CAMERAS THEY'RE INSTALLING, THE HARD WIRING. IN
6 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THE INMATES DID GO DOWN AND TEAR THEM
7 DOWN. SO WE HAD TO GO REINSTALL THEM. THAT WILL ALWAYS BE A
8 PROBLEM DURING MASS DISTURBANCES IF INMATES IN THE DORMS CAN
9 GET THEIR HANDS ON THE CAMERAS, THEY'LL RIP THEM DOWN, SO WE
10 HAD TO GO BACK AND INSTALL THEM, BUT WE'VE DONE A BETTER JOB.
11 AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TAKE THEM AT THE END. ANYBODY ELSE IS GOING
14 TO SPEAK? RICHARD, FIRST ON THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF
15 THE BODY SCANNERS, WHICH HAS BEEN DELAYED SINCE 2012, WHY HAS
16 THERE BEEN SUCH A DELAY? AND HOW DO WE EXPEDITE THAT?

17

18 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REASONS FOR
19 THE DELAY. SOME OF IT WENT TO THE PURCHASING PROCESS. SOME OF
20 IT WENT TO THE NEED TO DISCUSS THE PILOT PROGRAM WITH THE
21 UNIONS, WHICH THE UNIONS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING
22 RADIATION AND ISSUES LIKE THAT. IT'S BEEN ONE DELAY AFTER
23 ANOTHER. I HAVE SEEN THE SCANNERS IN OPERATION. I THINK THEY
24 ARE A TERRIFIC TOOL. I'VE HEARD FROM COMMANDERS IN THE JAILS
25 THAT THEY THINK THAT THEY WILL REDUCE TENSIONS. SO I THINK IT

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1 HAS BEEN FRUSTRATING THAT IT HAS TAKEN THIS LONG. WHAT THE
2 DEPARTMENT TELLS ME NOW IS IN TERMS OF TRYING TO EXPAND THESE
3 SCANNERS, THEY REQUIRE A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PERSONNEL TO MANAGE
4 THOSE SCANNERS. AND THEY ARE CONCERNED THAT AS YOU EXPAND
5 THIS, THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO NEED TO MAN
6 THOSE SCANNERS IS GOING TO INCREASE. AND THAT'S GOING TO BE
7 THE LIMITATION ON THE USE OF THE SCANNERS. BUT THEY ARE MOVING
8 FORWARD, FINALLY. I THINK THE PILOT PROGRAM IS SUPPOSED TO BE
9 DONE THIS MONTH. I EXPECT THEM TO REPORT THAT IT HAS BEEN VERY
10 SUCCESSFUL. AND THAT THEY WILL HAVE A PLAN FOR INCREASING THE
11 NUMBER OF SCANNERS GOING FORWARD.

12
13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE TRAINING UNDER RECOMMENDATION 5.2
14 INVOLVES TRAINING ON FORCE PREVENTION. AND THAT'S 98 PERCENT
15 COMPLETE. HOW FAR ALONG ARE WE ON 5.3 ON THE ETHICS TRAINING?

16
17 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I THINK ONE OF YOUR CHARTS SHOWED THAT.

18
19 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SO ROUGHLY 20 PERCENT. WE BLENDED A FOUR-HOUR
20 FORCE WITH THE FOUR-HOUR ETHICS. WE DID USE THE MONITORS TO
21 TAKE A LOOK AT THE QUALITY OF THE COURSE. THEY GAVE US SOME
22 FEEDBACK THAT THE FORCE COURSE ITSELF WAS PRETTY GOOD, BUT WE
23 NEEDED TODAY DO A BETTER JOB ON THE ETHICS SIDE OF THE COURSE.
24 SO WE'RE GOING TO WORK WITH THEM TO KIND OF REVAMP IT, BUT 20
25 PERCENT.

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2 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** SUPERVISORS, LET ME ALSO GO BACK TO YOUR
3 QUESTION WITH RESPECT TO TRAINING IN THE NEW USE-OF-FORCE
4 POLICY. ALMOST EVERYBODY IN THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN GIVEN THE
5 BASIC TRAINING IN THE NEW USE-OF- FORCE POLICY. BUT THEY ARE
6 IN THE PROCESS OF DEVELOPING SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL TRAINING
7 IN THE CUSTODY STANDARDS BUREAU FOR EXISTING PERSONNEL AND
8 THERE'S ALSO GOING TO BE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR NEW PERSONNEL
9 IN WHAT THEY CALL THE JAIL OPS CONTINUUM. SO THAT REPORT, THAT
10 98 PERCENT IS REALLY LIMITED TO AN OVERVIEW OF TRAINING IN THE
11 NEW USE-OF- FORCE POLICY AND IT'S NOT GOING TO BE IN ANY WAY A
12 SUBSTITUTE FOR THE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE USE-OF-FORCE
13 TRAINING ON AN ONGOING BASIS, WHICH THE DEPARTMENT IS IN THE
14 PROCESS OF DEVELOPING THE CURRICULUM FOR THAT AND WILL HAVE
15 SOMETHING BY THE END OF THE YEAR. AND THAT'S GOING TO BE
16 REALLY THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE DEPARTMENT IN USE-OF-
17 FORCE TRAINING IS GOING TO BE DEVELOPING THAT CURRICULUM WHICH
18 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE IS GOING TO MONITOR.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON RECOMMENDATION 6.3 RELATIVE TO THE MENTAL
21 HEALTH SPECIFIC TRAINING, A COURSE WHICH IS DEVELOPED IN
22 COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH THAT'S BEEN
23 TAUGHT SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR, COULD YOU DESCRIBE
24 THE COURSE AND ITS OBJECTIVES?

25

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1 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I'LL LEAVE THAT TO THE ASSISTANT SHERIFF.

2

3 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SO WE HAVE A VARIETY OF COURSES THAT WE TEACH
4 MENTAL HEALTH. THE CUSTODY ONE IS A SPECIFIC ONE ABOUT HOW YOU
5 HANDLE MENTALLY ILL, IDENTIFYING SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF MENTAL
6 ILLNESS LOOKING FOR SUICIDAL BEHAVIOR AS WELL AS DE-ESCALATION
7 TECHNIQUES. IT'S AN EIGHT-HOUR BLOCK OF INSTRUCTION THAT DEALS
8 WITH THAT. AND WE WORKED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
9 IN DEVELOPING THAT PROGRAM.

10

11 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** I COULD SAY I KNOW FROM MY DISCUSSIONS
12 WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND ALSO WITH RESPECT TO THE RESOLUTION OF
13 THE ROJAS LAWSUIT, I BELIEVE THERE ARE GOING TO BE ADDITIONAL
14 RECOMMENDATIONS RELATING TO A MORE COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS
15 INTERVENTION TRAINING FOR THE CUSTODY OPERATIONS THAT WILL
16 INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH, SUICIDE PREVENTION, CRISIS
17 INTERVENTION, CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND A VARIETY OF THOSE
18 SUBJECTS. I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING THAT THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES
19 IS NECESSARY, AND I THINK THAT THOSE WILL BE SOME ADDITIONAL
20 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE GOING TO COME OUT OF THE RESOLUTION
21 OF THE ROJAS LAWSUIT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WE'RE AWARE OF THE RECENT REPORTINGS OF
24 THE INMATES THROWING BODY FLUIDS ON THE DEPUTIES. AND THIS IS
25 SOMETHING NEW BUT AN TO HAVE INCREASED CAUSING CONSIDERED

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1 GREAT PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUES AS WELL AS SECURITY ISSUES. IN ONE
2 REPORT, THERE WERE 25 INCIDENTS AT CENTRAL JAIL COMPARED TO 5
3 AT THE SAME TIME THE PREVIOUS YEAR. WHY HAS THERE BEEN AN
4 INCREASE? IS THIS DUE TO THE INMATES TESTING THE NEW
5 BOUNDARIES OF THE CHANGES IN THESE POLICIES THAT ARE BEING
6 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD?

7

8 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I THINK THERE'S A VARIETY OF REASONS WHY WE
9 HAD INCREASE IN GASSINGS IN THE JAIL. THE BEST I CAN GIVE IS,
10 THE DEPUTIES HAD BECOME RELUCTANT TO ENFORCE SECURITY
11 PRACTICES EITHER BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO DO USE-OF-FORCE
12 PACKAGES OR THEY DIDN'T WANT TO LOOK AS THOUGH THEY WEREN'T
13 TRYING TO DEAL WITH THINGS AT THE LOWEST LEVEL. SO WE HAD A
14 SERIES OF GASSINGS INSIDE OF ONE HOUSING UNIT WHERE THE
15 INMATES, WHEN THEY WERE BEING FED, WOULD PUT THEIR ARM OUT OF
16 THE FOOD PORT AND SO THE DEPUTIES COULDN'T SECURE THE FOOD
17 PORT. SO WHEN THE DEPUTIES WENT BACK DOWN THE TIER TO FEED
18 INMATES OR DO MEDICATION OR WHATEVER THEY WERE DOING, THE
19 INMATES WOULD GAS THEM. SO WE HAD TO WORK WITH THE STAFF
20 ABOUT, WE HAVE TO SECURE THESE FOOD PORTS. SO WE TOOK A
21 VARIETY OF ACTIONS. WE PULLED ALL OF THE AFFECTED INMATES OUT
22 AND WE DID AN INDIVIDUAL INTERACTION WITH EACH INMATE, TRYING
23 TO FIND OUT WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THEM, WHY ARE THEY GASSING?
24 WHAT'S THE STATUS GOING ON HERE? WE ALSO REMOVED WEAPONS OF
25 OPPORTUNITY OUT OF THE CELL. CUPS. PLASTIC BAGS THEY WERE

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1 USING TO GAS THE DEPUTIES. WE HAD MENTAL HEALTH WALK MORE. AND
2 WE ALSO MADE IT CLEAR TO THE STAFF THEY CANNOT LEAVE THESE
3 FOOD PORTS OPEN. YOU HAVE TO CLOSE THE FOOD PORTS. SINCE WE
4 DID THAT, THE GASSINGS HAVE REDUCED EXPONENTIALLY. WE DID SOME
5 MODIFICATIONS TO CELLS. THE STAFF, I THINK, FEELS SAFER. WE'RE
6 DOING A BETTER JOB WITH THE INMATES TRYING TO MOVE THEM
7 THROUGH THE SYSTEM SO THEY DON'T FEEL THE HOPELESSNESS THAT
8 LEADS TO THE MISCONDUCT. IT WAS A MULTI-PRONGED APPROACH.
9 GASSINGS IN C.J. HAVE GONE DOWN LIKE 75 PERCENT. WE ALSO PUT
10 SPECIAL FOOD PORTS. BUT IT REALLY WAS A BLENDING OF ISSUES. NO
11 ONE SIMPLE SOLUTION. ONE NO SIMPLE PROBLEM TO IT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE ANY OF THE DEPUTIES RECEIVED ANY
14 INJURIES?

15

16 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THE EMOTIONAL PART OF SOMEBODY THROWING BODY
17 FLUIDS ON YOU IS OVERWHELMING. I KNOW, I'VE EXPERIENCED THAT
18 MANY TIMES. SO THESE ARE DEPUTIES THAT ARE TRYING TO FEED,
19 THEY'RE TRYING TO DO MEDICATION. YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT IT FEELS
20 LIKE WHEN SOMEBODY THROWS BODY FLUIDS ON YOU. SO THEY GO HOME,
21 THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT PICKING UP A DISEASE, THEY'RE WORRIED
22 ABOUT HEPATITIS AND M.R.S.A. A.I.D.S. SO IT'S MORE OF THE
23 EMOTIONAL PART OF THE GASSING THAT THEY SUFFER FROM. WE DID
24 GET ONE DEPUTY WHO WAS GASSED AND SUBSEQUENTLY WAS DIAGNOSED
25 WITH M.R.S.A. WHETHER OR NOT THERE WAS A CONNECTION BETWEEN

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1 THE TWO, I DON'T KNOW. BECAUSE THE TEST ISN'T BACK FROM THE
2 FLUIDS, BUT IT'S THE EMOTIONAL PART THAT'S SO PROBLEMATIC.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HAVE THERE BEEN ANY OTHER FORMS OF ATTACKS ON
5 DEPUTIES?

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN STAFF ASSAULTS
8 FROM THE PRIOR YEAR IN THE JAIL SYSTEM TOTALLY. THE ONES THAT
9 HAVE ME THE MOST CONCERNED RECENTLY ARE-- WE'VE GOT INMATES
10 MORE OUT IN THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS FOR TREATMENT. SO WE'VE
11 GOT THEM OUT FOR TREATMENT. THEY ARE ACUTELY MENTALLY ILL. AND
12 THE DEPUTIES ARE WALKING BY DOING SOMETHING, THEY'RE EITHER
13 DOING A SECURITY CHECK OR A MED PASS AND THE INMATES ARE
14 CLOCKING THEM AS THEY WALK BY. AND WE'VE HAD THREE SERIOUS
15 STAFF ASSAULTS IN TWIN TOWERS IN THE LAST 120 DAYS. SO WE'VE
16 GOT TO WORK MORE WITH THE CLINICIANS TO HELP US IDENTIFY THOSE
17 INMATES THAT ARE UNPREDICTABLE. WE HAVE PURCHASED AND
18 INSTALLED SOME NEW KIND OF THERAPEUTIC TREATMENT MODULES FOR
19 THOSE VERY HIGH RISK MENTALLY ILL. IT'S A VERY SMALL
20 PERCENTAGE BUT THEY CAN BE VERY VIOLENT AND UNPREDICTABLE. WE
21 ALSO HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB OF TEACHING OUR YOUNG DEPUTIES TO
22 BE SAFE, TO PAY ATTENTION TO DISTANCE. BUT AS WE PUSH MORE TO
23 HAVE INMATES OUT FOR TREATMENT, WHICH IS IMPORTANT. WE NEED TO
24 DO THAT. THE CORRESPONDING CHALLENGES, YOU'LL HAVE MORE STAFF

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1 ASSAULTS. YOU'LL HAVE MORE INMATE-ON- INMATE ASSAULTS AND
2 YOU'LL HAVE MORE USES OF FORCE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE NEWS REPORTS INDICATED THAT YOU'RE
5 DENYING THEM CERTAIN PRIVILEGES LIKE TELEVISION, ET CETERA,
6 HAVE BEEN HELPFUL. AND ALSO TALKING ABOUT LEGISLATION TO
7 INCREASE PENALTIES TO PRISON TIME. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THAT?

8

9 **TERRI MCDONALD:** GOING BACK TO THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SCENARIO.
10 WHAT HAPPENED ON THAT TIER WAS THE T.V.S WERE BLARING. THE
11 DEPUTIES ALSO WERE-- INSTEAD OF FEEDING THEM A NORMAL MEAL OR
12 FEEDING THEM WHAT IS KIND OF A DISCIPLINARY LOAF, THEY WERE
13 GOING DOWN TO INTAKE CENTER AND GETTING BURRITOS HAVE AND THE
14 INMATES REALLY LIKED THESE BURRITOS. SO THE DEPUTIES WERE
15 INADVERTENTLY REWARDING MISCONDUCT, AND THEY WERE GIVING THEM
16 CANTEEN. THEY WOULD GAS THE INMATES AND THE INMATES WOULD GET
17 THEIR CANTEEN. SO WE STARTED TALKING ABOUT CONSEQUENCE. SO WE
18 DID THAT. THE SECOND THING IS, WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE
19 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. THEY'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN
20 IDENTIFYING INMATES TO BEGIN TO PROSECUTE FOR THIS MISCONDUCT.
21 BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND: THERE'S ABOUT 10 HIGH
22 GASSERS. 8 OF THOSE ARE PRETRIAL AND MOST OF THOSE 8 ARE
23 FACING LIFE SENTENCES AND OTHER BIG, LONG- TERM CASES. SO THE
24 D.A.'S FOCUSED ON-- AND THEIR STAFF ARE FOCUSED ON THOSE
25 CASES, AND WE'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTIONS

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1 FOR THOSE. WE HAVE TWO A.B.109ERS WHO ARE GASSING. I BELIEVE
2 THE D.A. STAFF ARE GOING TO PICK THOSE UP AND CHARGE THEM. THE
3 A.B.109ERS ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE FOR CREDIT EARNING, SO IT'S OUR
4 INTENT FOR THEM TO LOSE THEIR GOOD-TIME CREDIT.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BILL, 6.5 INDICATES AN ADDITIONAL 47
7 SERGEANTS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ADDED IN THIS FISCAL YEAR WHEN
8 THAT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD. AND WHEN WOULD THAT BE BEFORE
9 THE BOARD? SECTION 6.5.

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** GIVE ME A MINUTE, PLEASE. FUNDING FOR THE 47
12 SERGEANTS HAVE BEEN APPROVED. IT'S IN A P.F.U. RIGHT NOW. WE
13 HAVE PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WITH 47 ORDINANCE POSITIONS. AND
14 NOW WE'RE WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON THE TIMING. I WANTED
15 TO RELEASE THE FUNDING. THAT I IMAGINE WE'D HAVE THE ABILITY
16 TO GO FORWARD WITH THAT BY SUPPLEMENTAL IF NOT EARLIER. IF
17 THEY ARE READY EARLIER, WE'LL COME BACK TO YOU WITH A SEPARATE
18 LETTER AND ASK FOR APPROVAL. IT'S ALL UP TO TIMING WE AGREED
19 TO WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? WE HAVE PUBLIC
22 COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK YOU, RICHARD. THANK YOU, TERRI.
23 CAMERON LYONS, ANTONIA RAMIREZ, THEO MILONOPOULOS, PATRICIA
24 RUSSELL.

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IT MIGHT BE USEFUL WHILE
2 THEY COME TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE--

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EACH TWO MINUTES ON THIS ITEM.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN? IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO
7 ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT THIS IS MR. DROOYAN'S FINAL
8 PRESENTATION AS HE INDICATED AND WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
9 WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE AND THE DILIGENCE WITH WHICH IT HAS
10 BEEN DONE. AND IT SHOULD BE STATED THAT IT WAS A LOT OF WORK.
11 AND YOU HAVE DONE IT IN A WAY THAT I THINK AS HAS ADVANCED THE
12 EFFORT, AND THAT'S ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE EXPECTED. ON BEHALF OF
13 MYSELF AND THE CONSTITUENTS THAT I REPRESENT, I WISH TO SAY
14 THANK YOU TO YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO ECHO THAT, RICHARD. IT'S BEEN A
17 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU. YOUR PROFESSIONALISM AND YOUR INPUT
18 BOTH IN PUBLIC AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS AND YOU'VE DONE A REAL
19 CREDIT TO THE COUNTY AND TO THE DEPARTMENT. SO THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I JUST WOULD ADD MY DITTO TO
22 THOSE COMMENTS. IT'S BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO WATCH YOU OPERATE.
23 YOU'VE DONE A VERY, VERY GOOD JOB ON A WHOLE LOT OF LEVELS.
24 THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR EFFORT. AND IN
4 PARTICULAR YOUR ORGANIZATION AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL. IT IS SO
5 IMPORTANT THAT WE GET THIS RIGHT. AND WE APPRECIATE ALL OF THE
6 EFFORT THAT YOU PUT IN IN HELPING US GET TO THIS POINT. THANK
7 YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHILE DON'S NOT HERE, WE COULD SAY DON WOULD
10 HAVE THOSE SAME REMARKS BECAUSE IT'S BEEN A GREAT DEAL OF
11 PRODUCTIVENESS WORKING WITH YOU, BEING ORGANIZED AND GIVING
12 THE EXPERT INPUT FOR US TO MAKE THE RIGHT DECISIONS.

13

14 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, SIR.

17

18 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THIS IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. LET ME GO ON
19 RECORD BY THE HONORABLE SHERIFF LEE BACA WAS MALICIOUSLY
20 OUSTED BY THE A.C.L.U., MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND GLORIA MOLINA.
21 WHAT GLORIA MOLINA AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS ARE DOING IS
22 REWARDING ALL THE VIOLENT CRIMINAL GANG BANGERS AND CRIMINAL
23 FELONS IN THE JAILS. FURTHERMORE, THEY HAVE SQUANDERED
24 MILLIONS OF TAXPAYERS' MONIES IN PERPETUATING GANG VIOLENCE IN
25 THE LATINO CRIMINAL GANG EMPIRES IN THE JAILS. AND ANY OF US

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1 WHO DISSENT OR EXPOSE THEIR WICKED COUNTY MALFEASANCE GETS
2 ARRESTED OR THROWN OUT AS I HAVE. GLORIA MOLINA AND MARK
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS HAVE RACIALLY PROFILED ME AND VIOLATED MY CIVIL
4 RIGHTS, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR SPEAKING IN
5 FAVOR OF PUNISHING THESE VIOLENT, LATINO CRIMINAL GANG
6 OFFENDERS IN JAILS. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, DEPORTING THESE
7 CRIMINAL LATINO GANG DEGENERATES FOR HOLDING ALL LEGAL LAW-
8 ABIDING CITIZENS HOSTAGE OF THEIR CRIMINAL MAYHEM. NOW WHO
9 DEFENDS THESE WONDERFUL DEPUTIES WHO DEFEND THEMSELVES AGAINST
10 JAIL VIOLENCE OR ABUSE AGAINST THEM BY GANG BANGERS? CERTAINLY
11 NOT THE COURTS AND CERTAINLY NOT ANYONE HERE. NO ONE IS
12 DEFENDING THESE WONDERFUL DEPUTIES WHO ARE IN HARM'S WAY. AND
13 CERTAINLY NOT THE CORRUPT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND GLORIA
14 MOLINA, FOR I DO NOT TRUST GLORIA MOLINA OR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS
15 FOR THEY ARE CORRUPT AND CULPABLE AND DOWNRIGHT HOSTILE, WHO
16 DO NOT PERFORM THEIR DUTIES OBJECTIVELY BUT ABUSE THEIR
17 AUTHORITY BY BULLYING, FEAR AND INTIMIDATION AND FALSE
18 IMPRISONMENT. CAN WE EXPECT ANY CIVILITY OR RESOLUTION TO
19 THESE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY LATINO GANG BANGERS AND
20 CRIMINAL FELONS? LASTLY, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND GLORIA MOLINA
21 ARE NOT ABOUT TROUBLESHOOTING AND/OR CIVIL RESOLUTION TO THESE
22 JAIL VIOLENCE PROBLEMS. THEY ARE ABOUT FESTERING AND
23 PERPETUATING FURTHER VIOLENCE TO INNOCENT DEPUTIES AND SOCIETY
24 AS A WHOLE. SO, AGAIN, LET ME REMIND YOU: WE MUST BE PRUDENT
25 IN OUR CHOICES. WE MUST PROTECT THOSE DEPUTIES. WHO WILL

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1 PROTECT THEM? WE MUST DO OUR JOBS. THANK YOU, LADIES AND
2 GENTLEMEN.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA
5 AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS HAVE BEEN VERY DEDICATED IN
6 TRYING TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE A VERY FINE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
7 SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY. SO THEY HAVE DONE AN
8 INCREDIBLE JOB. AND WE ARE UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF THE JAIL
9 VIOLENCE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS, WORKING WITH THE
10 DEPARTMENT AND WITH MAX HUNTSMAN AND COUNTY COUNSEL SEEING
11 THAT IT'S IMPLEMENTED FAIRLY FOR ALL. YES, SIR.

12

13 **CAMERON LYONS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS CAMERON LYONS. I'M AN
14 EX-PRODUCT OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. I'M AN EX-INMATE
15 DUE TO MY ERRORS OF LIFE. I SAT HERE AND I LISTENED TO WHAT
16 WAS SAID. SOME OF IT'S TRUE, SOME OF IT'S FULL OF IT. THEY'RE
17 TRYING TO IMPRESS Y'ALL. SO I'M GOING TO TELL YOU THE REAL
18 FROM THE INSIDE. HALF THE SITUATION CAN BE CORRECTED IF EACH
19 DEPUTY, SERGEANT, LIEUTENANT AND COMMANDER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
20 THEIR ACTIONS AND HOLDS THOSE OTHERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR
21 ACTIONS. OKAY. RIGHT NOW THERE'S A BUDDY SYSTEM GOING ON RIGHT
22 NOW. I'M NOT GOING TO GO AGAINST YOU BECAUSE YOU WORK WITH ME
23 AND ALL THIS AND THAT. THAT'S ONE OF THE PROBLEMS. SECOND, A
24 LOT OF THE VIOLENCE THAT COMES ABOUT NOW IS NOT BY THE
25 DEPUTIES PER SE BECAUSE THE DEPUTIES HAVE THE INMATES DOING

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1 IT. THEY KNOW THAT THEY ARE ON THE HOT SHEET. SO THEY DON'T
2 WANT TO TAKE ACTION THEMSELVES. SO THEY HAVE INMATES DOING IT
3 NOW FOR THEM. AND I'M TELLING YOU THIS FROM EXPERIENCE.
4 SECOND, A LOT OF THE COMPLAINT SYSTEM HAS A LOT TO BE FIXED. I
5 WAS THERE A MONTH AGO BY ERROR OF MY PROBATION OFFICER. IT
6 TOOK 10 DAYS FOR SOMEONE TO COME TO GET A COMPLAINT OUT OF THE
7 BOX. SO IT SAT THERE FOR 10 DAYS, WHETHER IT WAS FOR MEDICAL,
8 MENTAL HEALTH, THREATS OR WHATEVER, IT TOOK 10 DAYS TO GET IT
9 OUT. THEN IT'S GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER 10 TO 20 TO GET IT
10 PROCESSED. WE SAT THERE. WE WATCH THE BOX. IT IS RIGHT IN
11 FRONT OF OUR CELLS. NO ONE CAME FOR 10 DAYS. THE OTHER PROBLEM
12 WAS THERE WAS NO COMPLAINT FORMS TO ACQUIRE TO EVEN SUBMIT A
13 COMPLAINT. THEN I HEARD ABOUT THE IPAD SITUATION. YOU HAVE TO
14 BE INSIDE TO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S REALLY GOING ON. HALF OF THEM
15 HAVE NO ACCESS TO THE COMPLAINT SYSTEM OR TO FILE A COMPLAINT.
16 YOU LOCKED IN A CELL 24/7. YOU COME OUT EVERY DAY, EVERY OTHER
17 DAY FOR A SHOWER, THOSE THAT LIVE IN THE CELLS. THOSE THAT
18 LIVE IN THE DORMS, YOU CAN'T FILE A COMPLAINT, THE INMATES
19 DON'T ALLOW IT BECAUSE THEY DON'T KNOW IF YOU TELLING ON
20 SOMETHING THAT'S GOING ON OR SOMEONE. SO A LOT OF THEM AREN'T
21 ALLOWED TO COMPLAIN. THEY HAVE NO ACCESS TO FILE THAT. THE
22 OTHER HALF ARE ILLITERATE. I WOULD SAY 80 PERCENT OF THAT
23 JAIL'S ILLITERATE. THEY WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO FILL OUT A
24 COMPLAINT FORM PROPERLY TO SAY WHAT THEY NEED TO SAY. I FILLED
25 OUT A LOT BECAUSE I'M NOT UNDER REGULATIONS. THE GASSING, WHAT

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1 THEY DIDN'T TELL YOU MOST OF IT IS DONE BY THE MENTAL HEALTH.
2 THE REASON SO IS BECAUSE THEY ARE CONFINED TO A CELL 24/7.
3 THAT MEANS 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK. THEY DO NOT COME OUT OF
4 THOSE CELLS. THEY HAVE NOTHING IN THOSE CELLS. SOME OF THEM
5 ARE NAKED, DON'T HAVE NOTHING. SOME HAVE JUST THEIR UNDERWEAR
6 ON. THEY DON'T GAS FOR THE ATTENTION, THEY GAS BECAUSE THEY
7 ARE BEING INTIMIDATED, THEY ARE BEING HARASSED, OR THEY'RE
8 BEING MESSED WITH BECAUSE THEY ARE MENTAL HEALTH. I'M NOT
9 TELLING YOU THIS FROM HEARSAY, I'M TELLING YOU THIS FROM
10 EXPERIENCE. I'VE BEEN IN EACH PART OF THAT JAIL. I KNOW THE
11 JAIL FRONT TO BACK, EVEN THE HIDDEN CELLS THAT Y'ALL NEVER SEE
12 OR EVEN KNOW ABOUT. SO A LOT OF THIS PROBLEMS THAT THE JAIL IS
13 HAVING, IF YOU HOLD EACH PERSON ACCOUNTABLE AND LET THEM KNOW
14 THAT THEY CAN BE TOUCHED AS FAR AS SUSPENDED, WITHOUT PAY,
15 FIRED OR WHATEVER FOR NOT TAKING CARE OF THEIR
16 RESPONSIBILITIES, THEN YOU ELIMINATE HALF THE PROBLEM. THE
17 SECOND AND MOST MAJOR PROBLEM IS THIS IS THE DIRTIEST JAIL.
18 THE JAIL IS FILTHY. YOU CAN WALK THROUGH THIS JAIL AND IT
19 LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE WALKING IN THE ALLEY IN ANY PART OF THIS
20 CITY. THAT'S HOW DIRTY IT IS. FOR IT TO HAVE OVER 40,000
21 INMATES, IT SHOULDN'T BE NOWHERE NEAR AS DIRTY WHEN ALL THE
22 INMATES ARE DOING IS JUST SITTING AROUND DOING NOTHING.
23

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET'S ALSO LOOK INTO THAT
2 COMPLAINT BOX ISSUE THANK YOU FOR THAT. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
3 PETER LAARMAN. JON NAHHAS. YES, MA'AM. OR THEO?

4

5 **THEO MILONOPOULOS:** SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS THEO MILONOPOULOS
6 WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR THE 33RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE
7 STATEWIDE PRIMARY. ON ELECTION DAY, JUNE 3RD, 2014, IN THIS
8 VERY OUTFIT I WAS ARRESTED UNDER FALSE ALLEGATIONS AND
9 EXCESSIVE FORCE BY U.C.L.A. POLICE OFFICERS AND TRANSFERRED TO
10 THE CUSTODY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHERE I WAS
11 DETAINED FOR 48 HOURS AT LOS ANGELES COUNTY INMATE RECEPTION
12 CENTER. UPON BEING SEPARATED FROM THE MAINLINE INMATES, THE
13 FIRST TIME, I WILL ADMIT, I WAS THRILLED TO BE DISCRIMINATED
14 ON THE BASIS OF MY SEXUAL ORIENTATION. I WAS CELLED IN A
15 WINDOWLESS DETENTION CELL FROM 8 P.M. ON ELECTION NIGHT WHERE
16 I WAS DISENFRANCHISED, DESPITE REQUESTING A BALLOT ON SEVERAL
17 OCCASIONS FROM SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, UNTIL 11:30 A.M. THE NEXT
18 MORNING. MY CHOICE FOR SLEEPING ACCOMMODATIONS THAT EVENING
19 WERE A NARROW STEEL BENCH AND A CONCRETE FLOOR WHERE INMATES
20 URINATE, DEFECATE AND VOMIT WITH ABANDON AS THEY COME OFF
21 DRUGS, AS THEY RETURN FOR SEVERAL OF THEIR REPEAT OFFENSES.
22 ALTHOUGH I HAD A BOOKING NUMBER, I WAS DENIED THE ABILITY TO
23 MAKE A PHONE CALL FROM THE NONFUNCTIONING PAY PHONES IN EACH
24 CELL THAT I SAT IN BECAUSE I DID NOT HAVE A P.I.N. NUMBER. I
25 WAS BEING HELD FOR PROCESSING. I WAS NEVER GIVEN AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL UNTIL NEARLY 48 HOURS
2 INTO MY DETENTION. AND ONLY FIVE MINUTES BEFORE I APPEARED
3 BEFORE A JUDGE AT THE LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR AIRPORT COURT FOR
4 MY ARRAIGNMENT. IT WAS AT THAT TIME, AGAIN 48 HOURS INTO MY
5 DETENTION, THAT I WAS FIRST INFORMED THAT THE LOS ANGELES
6 DISTRICT ATTORNEY WAS CHARGING ME WITH NOT ONE BUT TWO FELONY
7 COUNTS OF RESISTING AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER. AFTER PLEADING NOT
8 GUILTY AND POSTING THE REQUESTED \$50,000 BAIL, I WAS NOT
9 RELEASED UNTIL 2 A.M. ON FRIDAY MORNING AFTER ELECTION DAY,
10 MORE THAN 7 HOURS AFTER I HAD POSTED BAIL AND MORE THAN 48
11 HOURS AFTER MY INITIAL ARREST. WHILE I WAS IN L.A. COUNTY
12 I.R.C. AND IN THE DETENTION CELLS BELOW THE AIRPORT COURT, I
13 WAS CALLED BY, AND OTHER INMATES WERE CALLED, ALL SORTS OF
14 DEROGATORY NAMES. I LISTENED TO ONE OF MY CELL MATES BE CALLED
15 A FREAK BECAUSE SHE HAPPENED TO BE TRANSGENDER AND WAS
16 AWAITING PROCESSING INTO MEN'S COUNTY JAIL. THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPUTIES WHO PATROL L.A. COUNTY MEN'S JAIL, I.R.C. AND TWIN
18 TOWERS DO A DISSERVICE TO THE BADGES THAT THEY WEAR AND A
19 DISSERVICE TO JUSTICE. AS AN ASIDE, THE DEPUTY SHERIFF SAID
20 THAT THE INMATES REALLY LIKE THOSE BURRITOS. I REALLY DID NOT
21 LIKE THOSE BURRITOS. BASED ON WHAT I SAW IN MY 48 HOURS AT
22 I.R.C., IT IS NO SURPRISE THAT L.A. COUNTY MEN'S JAIL, I.R.C.
23 AND TWIN TOWERS HAS AMONG THE HIGHEST INMATE SUICIDE RATE IN
24 THE COUNTRY. I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO ORDER THE IMMEDIATE
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS LIKE THE

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1 CIVIL LAWSUITS LIKE THE ONE I PLAN TO BRING IN FEDERAL COURT
2 AGAINST SHERIFF SCOTT AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY FOR GROSS
3 AND FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF MY CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
4 WILL NO LONGER BE NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT JUSTICE IS SERVED.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. PATRICIA.

7

8 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL, AND I LISTENED
9 TO THE GENTLEMAN ON MY RIGHT ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCE AS AN AS AN
10 INMATE IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL. BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING, I WANT TO
11 SAY THAT EVER SINCE ASSISTANT SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD HAS COME
12 INTO HER POSITION, IT'S GOTTEN BETTER. AND SHE REALLY CARES
13 AND IS REALLY TRYING TO DEAL WITH THE BUREAUCRACY AND THE
14 CULTURE. BUT MY SON WAS IN L.A. COUNTY JAIL FOR 10 MONTHS, AND
15 HE'S MENTALLY ILL. AND ONE OF THE REASONS THERE'S VIOLENCE IN
16 JAIL IS BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO. ESPECIALLY THE PEOPLE
17 THAT ARE IN JAIL MENTAL HEALTH LIKE MY SON. UP UNTIL APRIL
18 WHEN I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE EDUCATIONAL-BASED INCARCERATION
19 PROGRAM, I CALLED AND ASKED IF MY SON COULD BE PART OF IT. I
20 WAS TOLD THAT JAIL MENTAL HEALTH INMATES DIDN'T HAVE ACCESS TO
21 THE E.B.I. PROGRAM THAT THE OTHER INMATES HAD. SO I'VE BEEN
22 LOBBYING OR ADVOCATING FOR THAT EVER SINCE. AND IT'S JUST
23 STARTING TO GET IMPLEMENTED. BUT THESE INMATES LIKE MY SON ARE
24 SITTING THERE MOSTLY ALL DAY LONG IN A SARDINE CAN. I WENT ON
25 A TOUR OF TWIN TOWERS AND IT JUST SO HAPPENED I WAS TAKEN TO

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1 MY SON'S POD. I SAW HIM THERE. IT'S AWFUL. AND THEN, BECAUSE
2 THEY GET SO BORED WITH NOTHING TO DO, THEY ACT OUT, SOMETIMES
3 VIOLENTLY. SOMETIMES THEY GO CRAZY AND GO UP TO THE SIXTH OR
4 SEVENTH FLOOR WHERE WHEN THEY DO, LIKE MY SON DID, THEY TAKE
5 HIM AND PUT HIM IN A CELL WITH NOTHING, NOT EVEN A MATTRESS,
6 FOR HOURS WHERE SOMETIMES DEFECATION HAS TAKEN PLACE BEFORE.
7 AND HE HAS BEEN MOCKED BY DEPUTIES AND MADE TO GET EVEN MORE
8 SICK. AND THERE'S NOT ENOUGH F.I.P. BEDS, WHICH IS THE
9 FORENSIC INPATIENT BEDS, I THINK THERE'S ONLY 35 OR 40. THIS
10 IS RIDICULOUS. THESE MEN ARE GETTING SICKER AND MORE
11 TRAUMATIZED. WE NEED TO SPEND MONEY ON HELPING THEM HAVE
12 SOMETHING TO DO WHILE THEY'RE INCARCERATED. WE HAVE AN
13 OPPORTUNITY TO HELP THEM. AND WE NEED TO SPEND THE MONEY IT
14 TAKES TO HAVE MORE EDUCATIONAL-BASED INCARCERATION FOR THESE
15 GENTLEMEN. THEN THERE'S GOING TO BE LESS RECIDIVISM AND LESS
16 INCREASE IN MENTAL HEALTH TRAUMA. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, PATRICIA. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JOHN
19 WALSH AND JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.

20

21 **PETER LAARMAN:** REVEREND PETER LAARMAN FROM THE JUSTICE NOT
22 JAILS PROJECT, A COALITION OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND GROUPS IN
23 THE CITY. MAY I SAY THAT I CANNOT TAKE ISSUE, I DON'T THINK
24 ANYONE CAN TAKE ISSUE WITH THE EFFORTS TO DOCUMENT STEP-BY-
25 STEP IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITIZENS COMMISSION REPORT. THE

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1 DIFFICULTY THAT WE HAVE WITH THIS IS THAT OPERATING
2 PROCEDURALLY IN TERMS OF CHECKING OFF BOXES AND FLOWCHARTS OR
3 WHAT HAVE YOU IS NOT ULTIMATELY-- AND I THINK WE'VE BEEN
4 HEARING IT THIS MORNING-- THE KIND OF CHANGE WE NEED IN
5 RESPECT TO THE CUSTODY OF PEOPLE UNDER THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT. WHAT WE REALLY ARE URGENTLY NEEDING IS A
7 SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN THE TRADITION OF SERVICE THAT'S ON ALL
8 OF THE PATROL CARS. AND THAT CHANGE REALLY AMOUNTS TO A RE-
9 CONNECTION OF THE COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES TO THE MEMBERS OF
10 THE DEPARTMENT AT EVERY LEVEL. UNTIL THAT KIND OF HEALING
11 TAKES PLACE-- AND, REALLY, THIS IS, I KNOW, NEXT MONTH'S
12 AGENDA FOR THE BOARD-- UNTIL THAT KIND OF HEALING TAKES PLACE,
13 WE'RE STILL WORKING ON THE MARGINS. AND WE'LL STILL BE HEARING
14 HORRIFIC STORIES. SO EVERYONE ACTS IN GOOD FAITH. BUT WE LOOK
15 AT THE PIECES OF THE SYSTEM AND WE DON'T LOOK AT THE
16 UNDERLYING CULTURAL CHANGE THAT'S REQUIRED OF THIS VAST, VAST
17 COUNTY WITH SO MANY PEOPLE IN CUSTODY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18

19 **JON NAHHAS:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JON NAHHAS.
20 THIS MORNING I'M HERE AS AN ADVOCATE FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT. I
21 WANT TO FIRST ASK THE QUESTION: IS RICHARD DROOYAN YOUR
22 ATTORNEY? NOW THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE HAS
23 DONE SOME FANTASTIC RECOMMENDATIONS. AND THIS IS A CRITICAL
24 IMPLEMENTATION MONITORING THAT IS GOING ON TO ENSURE THAT THE
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS KEEPING UP WITH IT. TO EVOKE [SIC] THE

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1 ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE ON MR. DROOYAN AND HIS ACTIONS HERE
2 IS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. THE SUPREME COURT HAS UPHELD THAT
3 TRANSPARENCY IS THE BEST DISINFECTANT FOR MALFEASANCE IN
4 GOVERNMENT. AND TO USE SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S TERMS, TO PLAY
5 HIDE THE BALL WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR IS ABSOLUTELY
6 WRONG. SO WE ASK THAT IF THE NEW-- WHOEVER THE NEW
7 IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR IS, THAT WE DON'T HAVE HIM AS AN
8 ATTORNEY FOR YOUR BOARD, BUT THIS ACTUALLY BE OPEN TO PUBLIC
9 RECORDS ACT REQUESTS AND VARIOUS OTHER THINGS. SECONDLY, A
10 COUPLE INDIVIDUALS HAVE SPOKEN HERE TODAY ABOUT CULTURE, AND
11 ESPECIALLY THE INMATE. WE LISTENED CAREFULLY WHEN HE WAS
12 SPEAKING, A FORMER INMATE. AND WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM
13 EDWARD SNOWDEN IS THAT NOW WE CAN HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT
14 WHAT TRULY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES CAN AND CANNOT DO. AND THIS
15 CODE OF SILENCE, THIS CULTURE IS STILL NOT BEING ADDRESSED IN
16 THESE RECOMMENDATIONS. THERE NEED TO BE INCENTIVES FOR THESE
17 SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WHEN THEY SEE SOMETHING GOING WRONG TO COME
18 FORWARD. IT IS A TEAM EFFORT IN THERE. THEY HAVE TO FEEL LIKE
19 THEY'RE BEING BACKED UP. BUT THE PUBLIC ALSO NEEDS THE OTHER
20 SIDE FOR THESE VERY GOOD DEPUTIES WHEN THEY SEE SOMETHING
21 WRONG, THEY'RE GOING TO REPORT IT. AND THAT ISN'T HAPPENING.
22 AS A MATTER OF FACT, THAT SHOULD BE GOING ON THROUGHOUT THE
23 COUNTY FOR ALL OF YOUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, IN LIGHT OF
24 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH EDWARD SNOWDEN. WE NEED THE ABILITY, THE
25 PUBLIC NEEDS THE ABILITY TO SEE THE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE

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1 GIVEN SOME KIND OF WAY, AN ESTABLISHED WAY BY WHICH THEY CAN
2 COME FORWARD AND LET THE PUBLIC KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING AGAINST
3 THE PUBLIC'S INTERESTS, IF THAT IS HAPPENING. SO LASTLY I WANT
4 TO END WITH: IS RICHARD DROOYAN YOUR ATTORNEY? THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ARNOLD SACHS
7 AND ERIC PREVEN. MR. WALSH?

8

9 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG OR
10 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL. TWEETING RIGHT NOW @HOLLYWOODDEMS. I HAVE
11 SOME GOOD THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THE SHERIFF. THE SHERIFF, NOT A
12 SINGLE SHERIFF HAS MURDERED IN COLD BLOOD ANOTHER SHERIFF.
13 NOW, AT THE CITY, WE HAVE DETECTIVE LYGA, WHO MURDERED OFFICER
14 KEVIN GAINES IN COLD BLOOD AND CONFESSED IT ON TAPE WHILE
15 LECTURING TO THE ACADEMY-- AT THE ACADEMY. NOTHING HAPPENED.
16 NOW, LET ME TELL YOU THE REASON WHY THE SHERIFFS GET AWAY WITH
17 NOTHING AND L.A.P.D. GETS AWAY WITH MURDERING PEOPLE AND ALSO
18 USING THE TERM "FRUIT", MR. LYGA USED IT AS A GAY SLUR, BUT
19 THE GAYS ARE SO IN LOVE WITH THE L.A.P.D. AND ERIC THEY LIKE
20 BEING CALLED FRUIT NOW. I CAN'T GET ANYTHING ON IT. THIS IS
21 WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO AND THIS IS WHAT HASN'T BEEN DONE. AT THE
22 L.A.P.D. THEY KEEP RECORDS ON EVERY SINGLE CITY COUNCILMAN TO
23 BLACKMAIL THEM AND ON THE MAYOR. AND BELIEVE ME THEY GOT A LOT
24 TO BLACKMAIL THE MAYOR ON BEGINNING WITH GLEN DAKE. BECAUSE
25 THEY USE THIS BLACKMAIL, THEY NEVER GET IN ANY TROUBLE FOR

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1 ANYTHING THEY DO. SO BACA WAS SO ABOVE IT, HE DIDN'T EVEN
2 BOTHER TO BLACKMAIL THE-- YOU PEOPLE UP HERE. BELIEVE ME, THE
3 ONLY WAY THAT YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH ANYTHING IF YOU'RE A COP
4 IS THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR THE SHERIFF BLACKMAILS THE
5 POLITICIANS. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

6

7 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** SUPERVISORS, JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR BISMILLAH,
8 THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. I'M SITTING HERE LISTENING TO THE
9 REPORTS BY MR. DROOYAN AND IT BRINGS TO MIND THAT WE HAVE 14
10 REPORTS. I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE A PROJECTION, MEANING
11 THAT ONCE IMPLEMENTED, WHAT WILL BE SATISFACTORY RESULTS? WHAT
12 ARE WE SHOOTING FOR? WE KNOW THAT DURING THE COURSE OF THESE
13 14 REPORTS, THE SHERIFFS HAVE BEEN INDICTED. SO I'M SAYING
14 WELL WHERE IS THE-- WE NEED TO SEE THE DIFFERENCE. WE NEED TO
15 SEE THE IMPACT OF THESE IMPLEMENTATIONS. AND WE NEED TO KNOW
16 THAT ONCE IMPLEMENTED, WE PROJECT THAT 7 PERCENT OF ALL OF
17 THIS WILL BE RESOLVED. AND THEN IN THAT TIME SPAN, IF IT'S NOT
18 RESOLVED, THEN WE KNOW WE'RE FAILING IN TERMS OF WHAT WE'RE
19 PROJECTING. BUT I HAVE A SUGGESTION. THE CITIZENS COMMISSION
20 ON JAIL VIOLENCE, WE NEED TO ASSIGN SOMEONE OR A GROUP OF
21 PEOPLE TO MONITOR BY WAY OF PRESENCE. YOU KNOW, JUST LIKE WE
22 HAVE DEPUTIES THERE IN THE COUNTY JAIL, WE NEED TO HAVE A
23 HIRED FORCE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO POLICE THE DEPUTIES, WHO HAVE
24 ALL ACCESS IN EVERY FACILITY AND WHO'S TOTALLY SUPPORTED BY
25 THE COUNTY AND WHOEVER'S INVOLVED SO THAT THEY CAN IN FACT SEE

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1 TO IT THAT THE COMPLAINT FORMS-- THIS IS ADDRESSED AS FAR AS
2 THE DORMITORIES AND ALL THE COMPLAINTS ON THE PART OF THE
3 INMATES ARE ADDRESSED AS WELL AS SURVEILLANCE ON THE ENTIRE
4 GOINGS ON. SO THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE SHOULD
5 HIRE A TASKFORCE WHOSE JOB IS TO SEE TO IT THAT EVERYONE IS
6 KEPT UNDER SURVEILLANCE IN REGARDS TO THEIR CONDUCT AND GIVE A
7 WEEKLY REPORT IN TERMS OF HOW THINGS ARE GOING SO WE CAN SEE
8 SOME PROGRESS. AND I BELIEVE THAT IF THE DEPUTIES WERE AWARE
9 THAT THERE WAS A BODY OF PEOPLE THAT WERE GOING TO OVERVIEW
10 EVERYTHING THAT THEY DID, I THINK THAT IT WOULD CURTAIL.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ERIC PREVEN AND ARMANDO HERMAN.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. WE'RE IN AFTERNOON TIME. NO IT'S
15 STILL MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. A COUPLE OF REMARKS. YOU
16 MENTIONED THE 47 ORDINANCE POSITIONS, SERGEANTS. I BELIEVE
17 WHEN MR. HUNTSMAN WAS NOMINATED FOR THIS POSITION-- AND AGAIN,
18 WHEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REGARDING
19 A DEPUTY'S REDEPLOYMENT, ORDINANCE LANGUAGE SAID IT WOULD
20 ALLOW FOR THE OVERSIGHT TO BE-- FOR INFORMATION TO BE
21 TRANSFERRED, YOU HAVE, WHAT? FOUR DIFFERENT OVERSIGHT REVIEW
22 PANELS? BUT THERE IS A LIMIT THAT DOESN'T ALLOW THEM TO GET
23 THE INFORMATION THEY NEED. AND THEN AS A MATTER OF FACT, MS.
24 MOLINA, WHEN SHE WAS REQUESTING THAT INFORMATION REGARDING THE
25 DEPUTIES' REDEPLOYMENT IN EAST L.A., SHE HAD GRAVE CONCERNS

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1 FOR MAX HUNTSMAN AND HIS ABILITY TO GET INFORMATION TO HER
2 ABOUT SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPORTS. PART OF THE SHERIFF'S, THE
3 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMISSION, ONE WAS TO FOSTER
4 PATHWAYS FOR INCARCERATION, CAREERS AND PATROL CAREERS. WE
5 HAVEN'T HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THAT. IS THAT TWO-PRONGED
6 SITUATION OCCURRING? AND THEN SOMETHING ELSE THAT NEEDS TO BE
7 LOOKED AT. THE BOARD, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HERE, YOU'RE THE
8 ONES THAT NEGOTIATE WITH THE SHERIFF'S UNIONS REGARDING
9 CONTRACTS. SO, THE SHERIFF, THERE'S A SHERIFF THAT RUNS THE
10 AGENCY, GETS STUCK WITH WHATEVER YOU AGREE TO WITH THE UNIONS.
11 SO THERE NEEDS TO BE A LOOK. THERE NEEDS TO BE A CHANGE IN THE
12 CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTIONS THAT YOU AFFORD THE SHERIFF'S
13 DEPUTIES UNION IN REGARD AND SUPPORT FOR YOUR STAYING IN
14 OFFICE. BECAUSE AS LONG AS YOU KEEP GIVING THEM WHAT THEY
15 WANT, THEY'LL KEEP SUPPORTING YOU. AND THE SHERIFF, WHO'S EVER
16 ELECTED, GETS STUCK WITH THE RUNOFF, THE FALLOUT AND ALL THE
17 THINGS THAT GO ALONG WITH IT. THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.
18 LANGUAGE CONSISTENT. GET IT RIGHT. YEAH, GET IT RIGHT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
23 DISTRICT 3. I WOULD SAY RICHARD DROOYAN DOES DESERVE A MEASURE
24 OF GRATITUDE FOR HIS SERVICE. HE OBVIOUSLY DID A VERY, VERY
25 GOOD JOB. I'LL GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING I THINK HE

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1 WROTE. THE DEPARTMENT IS REVIEWING THE ENTIRE PROCESS BY WHICH
2 COMPLAINTS ARE TAKEN AND HANDLED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE
3 PURPOSE OF MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO REVIEW THE PROCESS WHICH
4 MAY INCLUDE CENTRALIZING THE INTAKE OF GRIEVANCES AND THE
5 MONITORING THE DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF THE GRIEVANCES. SO
6 NATURALLY THAT IS A CONFUSER. AND RICHARD DROOYAN IS A WORLD-
7 CLASS EXPERT AT PROVIDING TESTIMONY. IN TERMS OF THE
8 IMPLEMENTATION STUFF WHERE WE REALLY WERE HOPING FOR A KIND OF
9 DIFFERENT APPROACH THAN WHAT WE HAD SEEN IN THE PREVIOUS
10 MONTHS AND YEARS, LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, ON THE SPLIT BETWEEN
11 CUSTODY ASSISTANTS AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS, WHICH AS EVERYBODY
12 KNOWS IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. BECAUSE IF YOU'VE EVER BEEN TO
13 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, THE BIG REAL PROBLEM IS YOU HAVE FOUR
14 HUMAN BEINGS IN A CELL THAT'S DESIGNED FOR FAR FEWER IS
15 VERGING ON INHUMANE AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL. BUT THE PROBLEM HAS
16 BEEN, WE DON'T HAVE THE STAFF TO POPULATE THE REST OF MEN'S
17 CENTRAL JAIL WHICH HAS MANY CORRIDORS THAT ARE IN FACT EMPTY.
18 THE REASON WHY IS BECAUSE UNFORTUNATELY A.L.A.D.S WHO ARE
19 TOUGH PLAYERS, BUT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE TOUGH PLAYERS,
20 TOO, GOT INTO A LITTLE DISAGREEMENT ABOUT THE SPLIT. AND WE
21 HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO MOVE OFF THAT AT ALL. SO WE'VE HIRED, IF
22 I GOT IT CORRECT, FOUR CUSTODY ASSISTANTS TO DO PAPERWORK IN
23 SOME MEDICAL ASPECT OF WHAT'S GOING ON, AND, THUS, THE SUICIDE
24 NUMBERS THAT WE SAW WHICH WERE RISING, UNFORTUNATELY, WERE
25 RISING BECAUSE, REALLY, THESE STAFFING ISSUES. IT'S VERY, VERY

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1 WORRISOME THAT WE ALLOW THAT TO HAPPEN. AND GOING THROUGH THIS
2 DOCUMENT HERE, I LEARNED A NUMBER OF ITEMS THAT ARE WORTH
3 SHARING. FIRST OF ALL, WE HAVE SOMETHING CALLED A GRIEVANCE
4 COORDINATOR. IT'S LIEUTENANT. HE'S A LIEUTENANT, BUT WHAT HE
5 DOES IS, HE STUDIES-- ACTUALLY, HE DOESN'T STUDY. HE CATALOGS
6 THE NUMBER OF GRIEVANCES WE HAVE. BUT THEN WHAT HE DOES NOT DO
7 IS ANALYZE THEM ACCORDING TO DROOYAN WHICH SEEMS TO ME A BIG
8 MISTAKE BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE NEED IS TO UNDERSTAND
9 WHERE THESE PROBLEMS ARE COMING FROM. REGARDING THE MENTAL
10 HEALTH ISSUE AND HOW WE CAN POSSIBLY ENHANCE THE TRAINING--
11 SIR, WOULD YOU GIVE ME ONE MORE SECOND TO FINISH?

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. FAIR ENOUGH.
14 WE'LL GET TO THE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES WHEN SHE SPEAKS. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERMAN?

18

19 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** YES. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WHAT IS UNLAWFUL,
20 UNLAWFUL IN REGARDS TO THE VIOLENCE IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
21 JAIL FACILITIES. IT'S NOTHING NEW OR SURPRISE TO ANY ONE OF
22 US. WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE ILL EFFECTS OF INCARCERATION OR
23 THOSE OF US WHO ARE BASICALLY A PRODUCT OF YOUR REACTION OF
24 EXCESSIVE FORCE, ILLEGAL ARREST AND BASED ON ILLEGAL FALSE
25 ALLEGATIONS. YES, FALSE ALLEGATIONS. THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY

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1 PROCEDURAL ERRORS OF ONE'S CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE DUE PROCESS.
2 HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU HEARD THE PEOPLE HERE SPEAK ABOUT
3 THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS AND DUE PROCESS BY THE ACTIONS OF CERTAIN
4 DEPARTMENTS AND THOSE AGENCIES WHO REFUSE TO TAKE NOTE AND
5 LISTEN? TO TAKE NOTE AND LISTEN TO WHAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF
6 ONE'S ABILITIES AND INABILITIES ARE WHEN IT COMES TO
7 DETERMINING WHAT IS UNLAWFUL BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. ON
8 THE NUMBER OF BASES, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DONE A GREAT
9 JOB. AND I FEEL THAT SOME OF THESE SHERIFFS DESERVE A 1
10 PERCENT RAISE. I'M SPEAKING. NOW, AS FAR AS WHAT L.A.P.D.
11 DESERVES IS BASED ON WHAT THE DEFICIT IS THERE IN THE CITY OF
12 LOS ANGELES. WHAT THE L.A. COUNTY IS DOING TO BALANCE A BUDGET
13 DEFICIT. I CALL IT AN ECONOMIC CRISIS. SO, AGAIN, THANK YOU,
14 OFFICERS, AND THE SHERIFFS AND THOSE OF THE SHERIFFS OF ARMS
15 WHO ARE DEDICATED PROCESSORS OF WHAT OUR CIVIL RIGHTS ARE. AND
16 I'M SURE THAT THEIR VIRTUE OF REPRESENTATION WILL BE TO
17 ENFORCE BY THE LAW AND NOT BY EXCESSIVE FORCE IN DETERMINING
18 OUR RIGHTS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. OKAY. THIS IS A RECEIVE AND
21 FILE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM S-2 IS THE D.A.
22 ASSESSMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

25

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1 **D.A. JACKIE LACEY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I HAD WRITTEN GOOD MORNING
2 BUT WE'RE IN THE AFTERNOON. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN KNABE AND
3 SUPERVISORS. THIS IS A 60-DAY PROGRESS REPORT TO THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS AS REQUESTED MAY 6, 2014 AT THE BOARD HEARING. THE
5 CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT IS A DIVERSE AND
6 KNOWLEDGEABLE COLLECTION OF STAKEHOLDERS. SIX MONTHS AGO, WE
7 MET IN MY OFFICE FOR THE FIRST TIME AND THERE WERE JUST SIX
8 PEOPLE. NOW THE GROUP IS COMPRISED OF OVER 60 PEOPLE. OUR
9 MISSION IS TO EVALUATE THE NEEDS OF THOSE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
10 AT RISK OF ENTERING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY AND TO IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND
12 DEVELOP A COORDINATED RESPONSE. ON MAY 28, 2014, AN
13 EXTRAORDINARY EVENT HAPPENED. THE STAKEHOLDERS CONVENED FOR A
14 DAY-LONG, ORGANIZED AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING DISCUSSION ON HOW TO
15 BETTER SERVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS SO THEY DON'T END
16 UP IN NEEDLESSLY LONG STAYS IN JAIL. THE PARTICIPANTS WERE
17 PROSECUTORS, PUBLIC DEFENDER, ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, LAW
18 ENFORCEMENT, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, FROM
19 VARIOUS DIFFERENT FIRE DEPARTMENTS, THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
20 HEALTH SERVICES PROFESSIONALS, JUDGES, PROBATION, AND THE
21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE C.C.J.C.C. AS WELL AS MEMBERS FROM
22 THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF MENTAL ILLNESS, WHICH ARE THE
23 FAMILIES OF THOSE THAT HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS, AND SEVERAL
24 DIFFERENT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS WERE ALSO IN
25 ATTENDANCE. WE ALSO DREW PARTICIPANTS WHO NORMALLY DON'T COME

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1 TO THESE SORT OF EVENTS. PHYSICIANS FROM EMERGENCY ROOMS,
2 PROFESSORS FROM LOCAL UNIVERSITIES AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM
3 THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, PUBLIC
4 COUNSEL AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AS
5 WELL AS THE EILEEN GETTY FOUNDATION, WHO HAS AN INTEREST IN
6 SEEING HOMELESSNESS AND MENTAL ILLNESS END. THE INNER CITY LAW
7 CENTER AS WELL AS THE A.C.L.U. WERE ALSO PARTICIPANTS IN THE
8 SUMMIT. MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE ATTENDED. THE GAINS CENTER OF NEW
9 YORK FACILITATED THE SUMMIT, AND THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE
10 MENTAL HEALTH CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUMMIT WAS TO TAKE A
11 COMPREHENSIVE LOOK AT THE WAY LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HANDLING
12 THOSE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS AND WHO ARE INVOLVED WITH THE
13 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. HERE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM
14 THE SUMMIT. WE DO, IN FACT, HAVE SOME DIVERSION PROGRAMS IN
15 THE JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR THOSE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS. THERE
16 ARE SOME AD HOC EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO
17 DIVERT PEOPLE ONCE THEY ENTER THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WITH
18 MENTAL ILLNESS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH COURTS EQUIPPED
19 TO HANDLE THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WHO COULD SUCCESSFULLY BE
20 DIVERTED. TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL COME IN
21 CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ACTUALLY END UP RECEIVING
22 TREATMENT SOMETIMES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE CONFINES OF THE
23 LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL. THERE IS SOME TRAINING FOR LAW
24 ENFORCEMENT, HOWEVER, IT IS NOT ENOUGH. SOME OF THE TRAINING
25 IS INSUFFICIENT TO EQUIP THE AVERAGE OFFICER ON PATROL WITH

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1 THE TOOLS TO SAFELY DIFFUSE AN ENCOUNTER WITH A MENTALLY ILL
2 PERSON WHO KNEW THEIR ILLNESS IS UNCOOPERATIVE. THE COUNTY HAS
3 SOME RESOURCES, OR BEDS, IN EMERGENCY ROOMS AND HOSPITALS. BUT
4 IT IS SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH. THE AVERAGE WAIT TIME IN AN EMERGENCY
5 ROOM FOR A POLICE OFFICER IS 3 TO 8 HOURS. THEY CANNOT MERELY
6 LEAVE THE PERSON THERE; THEY MUST, IN FACT, WAIT WITH THEM.
7 CONTRAST THAT WITH, IF THE OFFICER ELECTS, INSTEAD, TO TAKE
8 THAT PERSON TO THE JAIL, AT MOST THEY ARE ONLY WAITING 30
9 MINUTES. WE TIE UP OFFICERS, PARAMEDICS AND EMERGENCY ROOM
10 MEDICAL STAFF WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE COUNTY'S PSYCHIATRIC
11 EVALUATION TEAM TO RESPOND. WE DO NOT HAVE AN ESTABLISHED
12 PREFILING DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT INVOLVES PROSECUTORS IN L.A.
13 COUNTY. L.A. CITY ATTORNEY HAD ONE, BUT THE FUNDING WAS
14 ELIMINATED. OUR WEAKEST LINK IN THIS WHOLE PROCESS IS LINKAGE.
15 ACCORDING TO THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL IN OUR
16 JAILS, THERE ARE SERVICES AND HELP AND WE SIMPLY AREN'T DOING
17 OUR BEST TO COMMUNICATE AND COORDINATE WITH ONE ANOTHER. THERE
18 ARE GAPS IN THE SERVICES. IT IS INEFFICIENT IN THAT WE WASTE A
19 LOT OF TIME WAITING. IT IS INEFFECTIVE BECAUSE WE CONTINUE TO
20 SEE THE SAME PEOPLE OVER AND OVER AGAIN AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN
21 TREATED IN THE JAIL AND RELEASED. IT IS INHUMANE TO THE PEOPLE
22 WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL BECAUSE WE'RE PUNISHING THEM FOR BEING
23 TOO SICK TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEM BY THEMSELVES. 17 PERCENT OF
24 THE MALE POPULATION AND 24 PERCENT OF THE FEMALE POPULATION IN
25 THE JAIL ARE MENTALLY ILL. THE PERCENTAGE OF INMATES WHO ARE

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1 MENTALLY ILL HAS INCREASED BY NEARLY 89 PERCENT SINCE 2011. OF
2 THE 3400 TO 3600 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN CUSTODY THAT ARE
3 MENTALLY ILL, ABOUT 2,000 OF THEM ARE IN FOR FELONIES AND THE
4 REST ARE IN FOR MISDEMEANORS. WE ARE, HOWEVER, SEEING SOME
5 PROMISING RESULTS WITH THE A.B.109 POPULATION OF PRISONERS.
6 DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD, DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, SAYS HIS
7 DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN EXAMINING PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
8 COMING OUT OF THE JAIL UNDER A.B.109. HE SAYS THAT AMONG THOSE
9 WHO ARE REFERRED AND BECOME ENGAGED IN THEIR TREATMENT PLAN,
10 THEY FIND THE RECIDIVISM RATE FOR THOSE IS 30 PERCENT LOWER
11 THAN IT IS FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT MENTAL ILLNESS. THUS, IF
12 MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE BECOME ENGAGED IN POSITIVE TREATMENT
13 PROGRAMS, THEIR RECIDIVISM RATE DROPS. WE'VE HAD TWO FOLLOW UP
14 MEETINGS TO OUR SUMMIT. AND THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE TOP
15 SIX PRIORITIES FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH
16 PROJECT. TRAINING FOR ALL CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS IS AT
17 THE TOP OF THE LIST. POLICE OFFICERS, JUDGES, PROSECUTORS,
18 EVERYONE IS DESPERATELY IN NEED OF TRAINING ON HOW TO HANDLE
19 AND WHAT'S AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL WHO ENTER
20 THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. OUR SECOND PRIORITY IS EXPANDING
21 THE CAPACITY FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR JUSTICE-
22 INVOLVED PERSONS. OUR THIRD IS TO IMPLEMENT A DATA STUDY THAT
23 EXAMINES THE TYPE OF SERVICES NEEDED, THE CAPACITY NEEDED FOR
24 THOSE SERVICES, AND THE POPULATION MOST IN NEED OF THOSE
25 SERVICES. FOURTH IS TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

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1 BETWEEN ALL SYSTEM PARTNERS TO REMOVE SILOS AND IMPLEMENT A
2 SHARED DATA PACE. THE MOST POPULAR COMMENT DURING THE COMMENT
3 IS "I HAD NO IDEA THAT WAS AVAILABLE" OR "I HAD NO IDEA WHAT
4 THAT DEPARTMENT WAS DOING." WE NEED TO DEVELOP POLICIES AND
5 PROCEDURES TO GUIDE THOSE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM.
6 CURRENTLY IN THE L.A. COUNTY D.A.'S OFFICE WE REALLY DO NOT
7 HAVE A SET POLICY ON HOW TO EVALUATE SOMEONE'S DISPOSITION IN
8 A CASE IF THEY, IN FACT, HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS. WE NEED TO
9 CREATE CRISIS ALTERNATIVE CENTERS OR STABILIZATION CENTERS
10 THAT CAN BE USED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CONSUMERS AND FAMILIES
11 OF CONSUMERS. THIS WOULD BE HUGE IN CUTTING DOWN THE NEEDLESS
12 WAIT THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT IS EXPERIENCING IN OUR EMERGENCY
13 ROOMS AND MAKE TREATMENT MORE ATTRACTIVE THAN JAIL. WE NEED TO
14 EXPAND THE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING FOR JUSTICE-INVOLVED
15 PERSONS. SO WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH
16 PROJECT? A REPORT IS DUE BACK FROM THE GAINES CENTER MAKING
17 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY IN ABOUT A MONTH. THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL
19 HEALTH PROJECT WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO IMPLEMENT
20 THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS SET FORTH BY THE GAINES CENTER USING
21 THEIR REPORT AS A BLUEPRINT FOR THE CREATION OF A MORE
22 DIVERSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. THERE
23 ARE GAPS IN THE SERVICES. THE USE OF THE JAIL AS A MENTAL
24 HEALTH WARD IS INEFFICIENT, INEFFECTIVE AND IN MANY CASES IT
25 IS INHUMANE. DESPITE OUR EFFORTS, PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS

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1 ARE OFTEN DUMPED BACK INTO THE STREETS AFTER BEING STABILIZED
2 IN MEDICAL FACILITIES OR JAILS. MORE THAN 70 PERCENT WILL BE
3 RE-ARRESTED AGAIN. THERE'S ALSO A MORAL QUESTION AT HAND IN
4 THIS PROCESS. ARE WE PUNISHING PEOPLE FOR SIMPLY BEING SICK?
5 PUBLIC SAFETY SHOULD HAVE A PRIORITY, BUT JUSTICE SHOULD
6 ALWAYS COME FIRST. IF YOU ARE IN SUCH A MENTAL STATE THAT YOU
7 HURT OTHERS, THEN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM HAS TO DO WHAT IT CAN TO
8 PROTECT THE PUBLIC. BUT THERE ARE MANY THAT DO NOT FALL INTO
9 THIS CATEGORY. IN SOME CASES, WHEN WE OVER-INCARCERATE THOSE
10 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, WE MERELY ACT ON FEAR AND IGNORANCE. I DO
11 NOT WANT TO LEAVE YOU WITH THE WRONG IMPRESSION. WE ARE NOT
12 STARTING FROM ZERO. THERE ARE SOME DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND
13 THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING PROGRAMS
14 BUT WE CAN BE FAR MORE EFFECTIVE IF WE FULLY COMMIT TO THESE
15 PROGRAMS AND FULLY IMPLEMENT ALL OF OUR AVAILABLE OPTIONS. THE
16 CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT IS COMMITTED TO LEADING
17 THE WAY TO CREATING AND IMPLEMENTING A PLAN THAT WILL DIVERT
18 PEOPLE FROM JAIL WHO BELONG IN A HOSPITAL OR IN SUPPORTIVE
19 HOUSING. I LOOK FORWARD TO REPORTING THE PROGRESS OF THE
20 CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT IN THE FUTURE. THANK
21 YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, JACKIE, VERY MUCH. WE ALL REALLY
24 SUPPORT THE FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LAURA'S LAW DEALING
25 WITH THESE ISSUES, BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE REALITIES FACING

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1 OUR AGING CENTRAL JAIL AND OUR OBLIGATION TO MOVE FORWARD,
2 THAT WE ALSO NEED TO MOVE FORWARD IN THAT DIRECTION, AS WELL
3 AS FURTHER DELAYS WILL CREATE GREATER CHALLENGES AND INCREASED
4 COSTS TO SERVE THE POPULATION AS WELL AS TO MAINTAIN THE
5 SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE OTHER INMATES AND OUR STAFFS. AS
6 PART OF THE REVIEW OF THE AVAILABLE MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
7 THAT THE COUNTY CAN USE, ARE THERE ANY LEGAL OBSTACLES THAT
8 PREVENT US ARE FROM GOING OUTSIDE THE COUNTY TO EXERCISE USE
9 OF THESE TYPES OF FACILITIES?

10

11 **JACKIE LACEY:** THE GROUP HAS NOT EXPLORED OPPORTUNITIES OUTSIDE
12 OF THE COUNTY. MY INITIAL REACTION IS THAT WE REALLY FEEL THAT
13 IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL,
14 PARTICULARLY PEOPLE WHO HAVE FAMILIES, THAT WOULD PREFER TO
15 KEEP THEM INSIDE OF THE COUNTY AND CLOSE TO THEIR FAMILIES,
16 THAT AS YOU WELL KNOW, FAMILY SUPPORT CAN BE HUGE IN TERMS OF
17 SOMEONE WHO IS MENTALLY ILL AND GETTING THEM TO BE WELL ENOUGH
18 TO WORK AND TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DIVERSION, IT'S IMPORTANT
21 TO CLEARLY DEFINE WHAT IS MEANT BY EXACTLY WHO IS GOING TO BE
22 ELIGIBLE FOR IT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS YOU WANT A PROGRAM FOR
23 THE OFFENDERS WITH MINOR OFFENSES AND PRIOR TO ANY FILINGS IN
24 ORDER TO USE THE THREAT OF A POSSIBLE FILING AS LEVERAGE TO
25 GAIN TREATMENT?

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1

2 **JACKIE LACEY:** THAT WOULD BE FOR SOME OF THEM, SUPERVISOR
3 ANTONOVICH. THERE ARE SOME THAT WE COULD IMPLEMENT A PREFILING
4 AND ORGANIZE A PREFILING DIVERSION PROGRAM. BUT WE'VE ALSO
5 SEEN SUCCESSES AND WE ARE EXPLORING DIVERSION PROGRAM ONCE
6 SOMEONE IS ARRAIGNED OR ONCE SOMEONE IS FURTHER ALONG IN THE
7 PROCESS. WE'VE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL WITH DIVERTING PEOPLE WHO
8 ARE ON DRUGS, WOMEN AND VETERANS. AND WE BELIEVE THAT THERE
9 ARE OPPORTUNITIES EVEN BEYOND THE FILING STAGE.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT HAPPENS TO A MINOR OFFENDER WITH MENTAL
12 ILLNESS WHO IS CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL BUT WHO IS REFUSING
13 TREATMENT?

14

15 **JACKIE LACEY:** LAST WEEK DURING OUR SUMMIT, I GOT A LETTER FROM
16 SUCH A PERSON WHO WAS NOT A CHRONIC OFFENDER BUT IN OUR
17 SUMMIT, JUDGE JAMES BIANCO TALKED ABOUT A YOUNG MAN, 28 YEARS
18 OLD, CHRONIC OFFENDER, SOMEONE WHO WAS DIAGNOSED WITH MENTAL
19 ILLNESS. IF THEY COME IN, SUPERVISOR, AND THEY ARE NOT OF SUCH
20 A MIND STATE TO COOPERATE WITH THEIR ATTORNEYS, THEY'RE SENT
21 TO DEPARTMENT 95. AND IF THEY REFUSE TREATMENT, IT CAN TAKE 60
22 TO 90 DAYS BEFORE A COURT ORDER IS OBTAINED AND THEY ARE
23 ACTUALLY FORCED TO BE MEDICATED. AND FROM THERE, THERE ARE
24 OTHER DELAYS. BUT THAT REALLY IS AN ISSUE. SOMETIMES SOMEONE
25 IS IN, FOR INSTANCE, IN JUDGE BIANCO'S ONE CASE THAT HE

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1 DETAILED FOR THE GROUP, SOMETIMES SOMEBODY IS IN FOR A MINOR
2 DRUG POSSESSION CHARGE, AND IF THEY WEREN'T MENTALLY ILL, THEY
3 COULD PLEAD GUILTY AND BE PLACED IN A PROGRAM. BUT ONCE THEY
4 REFUSE TREATMENT AND ONCE THEY ARE SUCH SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL,
5 THEY ARE REALLY STUCK IN A HOLDING PATTERN IN THE JAIL WHILE
6 THE PROCESS WINDS THROUGH IN ORDER TO GET AN ORDER TO ORDER
7 THEM TO TAKE THEIR MEDICATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS WOULD BE LIKE FOR MENTAL HEALTH STAFF
10 THAT , MAY 6TH WE HAD DISCUSSED WITH DR. SOUTHARD AND
11 ASSISTANT SHERIFF TERRI MCDONALD THAT IN THE PAST YEAR, 990
12 INMATES HAD BEEN DIVERTED THROUGH COURT DIVERSION. DO YOU
13 UNDERSTAND HOW THAT PROGRAM WORKS?

14

15 **JACKIE LACEY:** I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE THEM HERE TO CROSS-EXAMINE
16 THEM BECAUSE DIVERSION MEANS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE DIFFERENT
17 THINGS. I'M NOT SURE THAT NUMBER IS ACCURATE. HERE'S WHAT I DO
18 KNOW. HERE'S WHAT I'M COMFORTABLE TELLING YOU. THERE IS ONLY
19 ONE JUDGE WHO HAS AN ORGANIZED DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR THOSE WHO
20 ARE MENTALLY ILL. THAT IS JUDGE TYNANT. THERE ARE 50 BEDS. IN
21 ORDER TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST BE A SUBSTANCE ABUSER, AND YOU
22 MUST COME FROM EITHER THE HOLLYWOOD AREA OR THE LOS ANGELES
23 AREA. YOU CANNOT HAVE LIVED ANYWHERE ELSE AT THE TIME YOU'RE
24 AVAILING YOURSELF. THAT IS THE ORGANIZED DIVERSION PROGRAM
25 THAT THE PROSECUTORS ARE PARTICIPATING IN. THERE MAY, IN FACT,

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1 AND WE HAVE HEARD, IN FACT, THAT THERE ARE ARRESTEES WHO ARE
2 DIVERTED BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, NAMELY BY L.A.P.D., IN
3 CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. I WAS TOLD
4 THAT IT WAS MISDEMEANORS AND INFRACTIONS, AND IT MAY BE, WITH
5 THAT NUMBER, THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE WHO THE POLICE
6 RESPOND AND THEY HAVEN'T COMMITTED AN ARRESTABLE OFFENSE, BUT
7 THEY'RE DIVERTED. SO I READ THE REPORT THAT DR. SOUTHARD
8 SUBMITTED AND I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NUMBERS. I THINK
9 THAT'S REALLY ONE OF THE ISSUES, IS WE NEED A STAFF SNAPSHOT
10 ON HOW MANY AVAILABLE BEDS ARE THERE ON ANY AVAILABLE FRIDAY,
11 AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN NEED OF MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS AND
12 WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN DEFINITION OF
15 PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND THE
16 PROPOSAL THAT YOU'RE WORKING ON?

17

18 **JACKIE LACEY NO. THEY ARE PART OF MY GROUP. BUT WHAT YOU ASKED**
19 **ME WAS THE REPORT OF 900 PEOPLE DIVERTED. THAT I AM NOT HERE**
20 **TO VOUCH FOR. I WOULD HAVE QUESTIONS. LIKE WERE THEY**
21 **MISDEMEANORS, FELONS? WHAT WERE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THOSE**
22 **PEOPLE? AND GET MUCH MORE ACCURATE DATA. THE DEPARTMENT OF**
23 **MENTAL HEALTH IS ABSOLUTELY A PARTNER. BUT I THINK THE TENSION**
24 **YOU HAVE, AND THIS IS TRUE WITH ANY DEPARTMENT THAT YOU HAVE**
25 **UP THERE, WE'RE HUMAN BEINGS. AND NO ONE WANTS TO ADMIT THAT**

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1 THEY'RE NOT-- THAT THINGS AREN'T WORKING, BECAUSE IT REFLECTS
2 POORLY ON THEIR LEADERSHIP. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHEN WE HAVE A
3 PROBLEM, IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US TO IDENTIFY TO IDENTIFY IT
4 AND ADDRESS IT. AND WHILE I THINK IF DR. SOUTHARD WERE HERE,
5 HE WOULD TELL YOU. HE SAID IT IN THE MEMO TO SUPERVISOR
6 MOLINA, LOOK, WE ARE DOING SOME DIVERSION, BUT WE COULD DO A
7 HECK OF A LOT MORE. THAT'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE THE FINAL
8 SENTENCE BECAUSE THEY KNOW AS WELL AS WE KNOW THAT WHEN WE
9 LOOK AT OTHER JURISDICTIONS SUCH AS MIAMI DADE AND MEMPHIS,
10 AND OTHER PLACES, WE ARE NOT DOING AS OF AS WE COULD AND
11 SHOULD BE DOING TO DIVERT THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL OUT OF
12 THIS SYSTEM.

13
14 >>SUP. ANTONOVICH: THANK YOU.

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16 SUP. MOLINA: THANK YOU FOR YOUR REPORT. AGAIN, THIS IS
17 SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO STUDY AND HAVE A BETTER UNDER
18 UNDERSTANDING IN. I KNOW THAT FOR MYSELF IT IS DIFFICULT TO
19 UNDERSTAND WHY WE ARE PROSECUTING MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.
20 BUT LET ME UNDERSTAND. SO WHAT YOU'RE DOING IN YOUR PORTION OF
21 IT, WOULD THESE PEOPLE STILL BE PROSECUTED?

22
23 JACKIE LACEY: I WOULD HOPE THAT MANY OF THEM-- IT'S A
24 CONTINUUM. SO I WOULD HOPE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, THAT MANY OF
25 THEM WOULD BE DIVERTED EVEN BEFORE WE FILED A CASE. SO THERE

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1 SHOULD BE PREFILING DIVERSION, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE MUCH
2 MORE-- WHERE THE CONDUCT IS OF MORE SERIOUS, WHERE WE NEED
3 PROBATION IN ORDER TO SUPERVISE THEM IN ORDER TO GET THEM TO
4 TAKE THEIR MEDICATION AND COOPERATE, THAT WE WOULD USE THE
5 COURT PROCESS AS LEVERAGE TO GET THEM TO GET HELP. I THINK
6 THAT'S REALLY IT, SO IT DEPENDS.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND AS THEY GET HELP AND THEY ARE SENT TO
9 SERVICES, LET'S SAY, THERE IS A SENSE IN YOUR DEPARTMENT FROM
10 SOME OF YOUR DEPUTIES THAT THAT INFORMATION THAT IS GATHERED
11 BY SOCIAL WORKERS, PROBATION OFFICER, A PSYCHIATRIST, SHOULD
12 BE AVAILABLE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS AS THEY PURSUE MAYBE
13 SECONDARY CONVICTIONS AFTER THE SITUATION. HOW DO YOU FEEL
14 ABOUT THAT?

15

16 **JACKIE LACEY:** I THINK WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION FROM THE
17 OUTSET, WHAT IS THE GOAL? AND IT DEPENDS ON THE CHARGES OF THE
18 CASE AND HOW SERIOUS THE PERSON IS. MY POSITION IS THAT AFTER
19 BEING IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS AS A
20 PROSECUTOR, IT'S LIKE GROUNDHOG DAY. WE CONTINUE TO HAVE THE
21 SAME REACTION AT THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE, WHICH IS PUT PEOPLE
22 IN JAIL, PUNISH, PUNISH, PUNISH. AND IF OUR RECIDIVISM RATE IN
23 THIS STATE IS 70 SOMETHING PERCENT, WE ARE FAILING. WE ARE
24 FAILING. ALL WE ARE DOING IS WAREHOUSING PEOPLE AND PUTTING
25 THEM BACK OUT. IT SEEMS TO ME WHAT I WANT IS A PROSECUTOR ON

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1 THESE CASES WITH WISDOM WHO CAN SAY: ALL RIGHT, WITH YOU I
2 WANT YOU TO COOPERATE WITH YOUR DOCTORS. WE WILL OBEY
3 H.I.P.A.A. AND NOT GET THAT STUFF, BUT YOU'VE GOT TO COOPERATE
4 AND GET THE HELP THAT YOU NEED.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** AGAIN, MY ISSUE IS THIS, I KNOW I'M DOING A VERY
7 SIMILAR KIND OF EFFORT ON A DIFFERENT LEVEL, ON A JUVENILE
8 LEVEL. AND YOUR DEPUTIES HAVE ATTENDED SOME OF MY MEETINGS.
9 AND THEY FEEL STRONGLY THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THOSE
10 RECORDS EVEN AFTER DIVERSION IS DETERMINED BY THE PROBATION
11 OFFICER. THAT INSTEAD OF PROSECUTING THIS CHILD, WE GO INTO--
12 I MEAN THERE ARE 13-YEAR-OLDS THAT BEGAN THIS PROCESS. I MEAN
13 MOST OF THE PEOPLE THAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, THAT IF WE WOULD
14 HAVE HAD AN INTERVENTION AT A YOUNGER AGE, AND PARTICULARLY
15 WHEN WE LOOK AT THE FOSTER CARE CHILDREN THAT WE HAVE, THAT IF
16 THAT INTERVENTION CAN BE DONE AT AN EARLY AGE AND PROTECTED AS
17 AN INTERVENTION, THEN THOSE RECORDS, I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT
18 SEALING, I'M SAYING THEY JUST WOULD NOT BE AVAILABLE SHOULD
19 THAT 13-YEAR-OLD COMMIT A CRIME WHEN HE'S 17 OR 21, THAT THAT
20 KIND OF INTERVENTION SHOULD BE HELD AS A SEPARATE ITEM BECAUSE
21 EITHER THAT CHILD HAS VOLUNTEERED OR THE PARENTS HAVE
22 VOLUNTEERED, THAT INSTEAD OF A PROSECUTION, THAT THERE BE AN
23 INTERVENTION OF SOME TYPE, WHICH IS BASICALLY WHAT YOU'RE
24 DOING HERE WITH ADULTS. AND SO I JUST THINK IT'S ONE OF THE
25 THINGS. I THINK WE NEED TO START AT A YOUNGER AGE AND WORKING

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1 PROBATION ON A JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM AT THE SAME TIME
2 BECAUSE WE KNOW THESE ISSUES OF MENTAL HEALTH.

3

4 **JACKIE LACEY:** SPRING UP AT AN EARLY AGE.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S CORRECT. BUT I THINK THAT ONE OF THE
7 THINGS THAT HAS TO BE DETERMINED IS HOW PROTECTED, AGAIN
8 LEGALLY AND THROUGH-- BECAUSE I KNOW YOUR PROSECUTORS HAVE A
9 DUTY, AS WELL, AS THEY TELL ME THEY DO, WHEN IN FACT YOU
10 DETERMINE OR SOMEONE HAS DETERMINED THAT THERE'S GOING TO BE
11 AN INTERVENTION OR A DIVERSION INSTEAD OF A PROSECUTION. I
12 THINK THAT WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR ME TO KNOW AS WE PURSUE THE
13 JUVENILE ONE BECAUSE RIGHT NOW I'M BEING TOLD THAT UNDER THE
14 CONSTITUTION AND UNDER THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A DISTRICT
15 ATTORNEY AND PROSECUTION, THOSE RECORDS CAN BE SUBPOENAED AND
16 CAN BE UTILIZED AGAINST THAT INDIVIDUAL, WHICH WOULD BE
17 DETRIMENTAL TO ANY KIND OF INTERVENTION OR DIVERSION. I DON'T
18 NEED YOUR ANSWER NOW, BUT IT'S SOMETHING I WOULD BE VERY
19 INTERESTED IN HEARING YOUR ADVICE ON.

20

21 **JACKIE LACEY:** ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS MISSING, SUPERVISOR,
22 IS STRAIGHTFORWARD GUIDANCE AND POLICIES FOR ALL PROSECUTORS
23 ON THIS VERY NEW AND EMERGING ISSUE. THE TRAINING RECEIVED IN
24 PROSECUTORS' OFFICES PROBABLY THROUGHOUT THIS NATION INVOLVES
25 DEBUNKING, IF YOU WILL, PSYCHIATRISTS AND PSYCHIATRIC REPORTS

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1 IN ORDER TO PROVE THAT SOMEONE IS MALINGERING OR LYING. THERE
2 IS VERY LITTLE GUIDANCE OR TRAINING ON RECOGNIZING WHAT MENTAL
3 ILLNESS IS AND HOW IT SHOULD BE DEALT WITH IN THE CRIMINAL
4 JUSTICE SYSTEM. AS A RESULT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL
5 HEALTH PROJECT, I WILL BE SEEKING TO ESTABLISH SOME WELL
6 THOUGHT OUT POLICIES SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE PROSECUTORS IN THE
7 COURTROOM FACED WITH SOMEONE WHO IS MENTALLY ILL ON A
8 RELATIVELY MINOR OFFENSE IMPEDING THAT PERSON'S ABILITY TO GET
9 HELP. AND THOSE ARE THINGS THAT QUITE FRANKLY, HAVE TO BE
10 WORKED OUT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S NO DOUBT. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL WORK WITH
13 ME ON THE JUVENILE JUSTICE ASPECT OF THIS BECAUSE WE'RE
14 CONFRONTING THAT KIND OF SITUATION TODAY, WHICH OF COURSE I
15 WANT TO TAKE THE CHILDREN OUT OF ADJUDICATION AND INTO
16 INTERVENTION. BUT THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, IF IN FACT THE D.A. IS
17 GOING TO PROSECUTE OR SAY THAT THEY ARE GOING TO EVENTUALLY
18 GET THOSE RECORDS, THEN THE PUBLIC DEFENDER IS NOT GOING TO
19 ALLOW THE CHILD TO GO THROUGH AN INTERVENTION IN ORDER TO
20 PROTECT THEIR RIGHTS.

21

22 **JACKIE LACEY:** MY EXPERIENCE WITH JUVENILE THESE DAYS IS WE ARE
23 FILING A LOT LESS CASES. THERE ARE A LOT LESS KIDS IN THE
24 JUVENILE SYSTEM. AND CERTAINLY I APPRECIATE THAT YOU ARE NOT

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1 EXPECTING AN ANSWER TODAY, BUT A DIALOGUE. AND I AGREE TO
2 PARTICIPATE IN THAT DIALOGUE.

3

4 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MARK. I JUST WANT TO, FIRST OF
11 ALL, THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING STEPPING INTO THIS ARENA.
12 I THINK IT'S EXTRAORDINARILY IMPORTANT AND SIGNIFICANT THAT
13 ONE OF THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THIS COUNTY,
14 SHERIFF BEING THE OTHER ONE, HAS LEANT HER IMPRIMATUR TO THE
15 PROPOSITION THAT WE CAN DO A BETTER JOB TREATING THE MENTALLY
16 ILL WHO FIND THEMSELVES IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. NOT
17 EVERY MENTALLY ILL PERSON WHO HAS FOUND THEIR WAY INTO OUR
18 COUNTY JAIL NEEDS TO BE IN JAIL. THAT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED
19 ANECDOTALLY AND THROUGH EMPIRICAL DATA FOR A LONG TIME AND NOT
20 JUST IN THIS COUNTY BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY AS YOU INDICATED.
21 SO I THINK IT'S SIGNIFICANT THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF LOS
22 ANGELES COUNTY LENDS HER ENDORSEMENT TO LOOKING AT IT ANOTHER
23 WAY, ANOTHER PATH. I THINK IT'S CRITICAL THAT WE DO THIS. IT
24 KIND OF CAME TO A HEAD A FEW WEEKS AGO, THE BOARD VOTED TO,
25 THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD VOTED TO UNDERTAKE THE STUDY OF A \$2

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1 BILLION JAIL. THESE KINDS OF PROGRAMS WOULD NOT NECESSARILY
2 MITIGATE THE NEED FOR A REPLACEMENT JAIL, BUT IT MIGHT
3 MITIGATE THE NEED FOR THE SIZE OF THE JAIL THAT WE HAVE UNDER
4 CONSIDERATION. BUT MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT IS WHAT YOU SAID
5 IN YOUR OPENING REMARKS, WHICH IS THERE'S A MORAL ISSUE HERE,
6 THERE'S THE HUMANITARIAN ISSUE HERE. DO WE PUNISH PEOPLE WHO
7 LAND IN JAIL BECAUSE THEY'RE SICK? THERE ARE DIFFERENT DEGREES
8 OF ILLNESS WHEN IT COMES TO MENTAL ILLNESS. THERE ARE SOME
9 PEOPLE WHO WOULD BE A THREAT TO SOCIETY IF THEY WERE NOT
10 CONFINED IN SOME WAY. BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE
11 NOT GOTTEN ADEQUATE TREATMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR OWN FAILURES,
12 WHICH THEY CANNOT COMPLETELY BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR BECAUSE
13 THEY DO HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS AND BECAUSE OF OUR FAILURES AS A
14 SOCIETY, AND THOSE OF US IN SOCIETY WHO HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH
15 THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FILLING THOSE GAPS AND PREVENTING PEOPLE
16 FROM FALLING THROUGH THE CRACKS. I'M LOOKING FORWARD-- I
17 APPRECIATED THE MEETING WE HAD LAST WEEK TO DEVELOPING A
18 DEMONSTRATION PROJECT IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY THAT WILL
19 ADDRESS CHRONICALLY HOMELESS MENTALLY ILL PERSONS WHO FIND
20 THEIR WAY INTO JAIL NOT FOR A VIOLENT CRIME, NOT FOR A CRIME
21 THAT IS A THREAT TO SOCIETY, BUT THEY TOOK A BOTTLE OF BEER
22 OFF THE SHELF OR A PACK OF CIGARETTES OFF THE SHELF AND THEY
23 WALKED OUT. THEY GET CAUGHT. AND THEY'RE CHARGED WITH WHATEVER
24 THE CHARGE IS, THEFT OR BURGLARY OR WHATEVER IT IS THESE DAYS.
25 AND THEY'RE MENTALLY ILL, WHICH IS PROBABLY WHAT DROVE THEM TO

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1 DO WHAT THEY DID IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND IT GETS BACK TO THE
2 OLD ISSUE OF WHEN WE DEAL WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE THE
3 MOST CHALLENGING INDIVIDUALS, THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS, WHO
4 HAVE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND PROBABLY HAVE OTHER HEALTH
5 ISSUES, AS WELL, IS TO INUNDATE THEM WITH SERVICES, WITH A
6 ROOF OVER THEIR HEAD, A PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING MODEL,
7 THE WAY WE'VE DONE IT IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY DEALING
8 WITH HOMELESS PERSONS GENERALLY. AND THE WAY IT'S BEEN DONE
9 QUITE SUCCESSFULLY ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY, OF BETTER THAN WE
10 HAVE BEEN TO DATE. THAT IS SOMETHING THAT-- THAT'S A
11 PROPOSITION THAT I THINK WE CAN TEST AND PROVE-- WE EITHER
12 PROVE OR DISPROVE THAT WE CAN REDUCE RECIDIVISM BY AS OF AS 75
13 PERCENT WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO, ABSENT APPROPRIATE
14 TREATMENT, WILL FIND THEMSELVES TIME AND AGAIN BACK IN OUR
15 JAILS AND EVENTUALLY THEY'RE GOING TO GET SOME SERIOUS TIME
16 BECAUSE THERE'S ONLY SO MANY TIMES YOU CAN COME BACK TO JAIL
17 BEFORE YOU GRADUATE INTO THE MORE SERIOUS CRIMES AND THE MORE
18 LONG TERM SENTENCES. BUT IF WE CAN INTERCEPT THEM AT AN EARLY
19 STAGE, ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT RENDERED THEM VULNERABLE TO
20 THESE KINDS OF CRIMES IN THE FIRST PLACE, NAMELY MENTAL HEALTH
21 TREATMENT, THEN I THINK WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE, NOT
22 JUST IN THE POPULATION OUR JAILS, BUT IN THE AMOUNT OF CRIME
23 THAT WE SEE IN OUR STREETS. BECAUSE THE MENTALLY ILL WHO COME
24 INTO OUR JAILS, I KNOW I'M SPEAKING TO THE CONVERTED HERE, THE
25 MENTALLY ILL WHO COME INTO OUR JAILS, IF THEY DON'T GET THE

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1 APPROPRIATE TREATMENT, ONCE THEY'RE OUT ON THE STREETS,
2 THEY'RE AS MUCH IF NOT MORE OF A DANGER TO SOCIETY THAN THEY
3 WERE IN THE FIRST PLACE. AND TREATING THEM EARLY ON WITH A
4 WRAP-AROUND, LITERALLY AND FIGURATIVELY, A WRAP-AROUND
5 TREATMENT THAT GETS THEM REGULARIZED, STABILIZED SO THAT THEY
6 ARE NOT INCLINED OR NOT IN A POSITION WHERE THEIR CONDITION
7 DRIVES THEM TO COMMITTING PETTY AND SOMETIMES NOT-SO-PETTY
8 CRIMES, THAT'S WORTH A REAL SHOT. WE KNOW IT'S GOING TO WORK.
9 WE KNOW IT'S WORKED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. WE KNOW IN
10 SOME CASES IT'S WORKING HERE KIND OF AD HOC. AS THE HOMELESS
11 COURT IN SANTA MONICA HAS DONE. AND TYNAN'S COURT HAS DONE IN
12 THE CENTRAL PART OF THE CITY. WE KNOW THESE DIVERSION PROGRAMS
13 CAN WORK AND SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE RECIDIVISM. THE MOST
14 INTERESTING THING TO ME ABOUT ALL OF THIS IS IT'S CHEAPER TO
15 DO IT THIS WAY THAN IT IS TO INCARCERATE THEM. SO FROM A
16 BUSINESS POINT OF VIEW, FROM AN ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW, IT
17 MAKES ECONOMIC SENSE TO DO WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT DOING
18 THAN TO KEEP DOING WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AND TO BUILD MORE \$2
19 BILLION JAILS AND 3 AND \$4 BILLION JAILS IN OUR LIFETIME. AND
20 IF WE CAN REDUCE THE POPULATION EVEN MODESTLY, THE DIFFERENCE
21 WE'RE MAKING BOTH TO THE INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, TO OUR SOCIETY
22 AND TO OUR POCKETBOOK IS NOT INSIGNIFICANT. IT'S QUITE
23 SIGNIFICANT. SO FROM EVERY WAY TO LOOK AT THIS, THIS IS A
24 WIN/WIN SITUATION FOR US. AND THE ONLY QUESTION IS WHETHER WE
25 AS A SOCIETY AND AS A COMMUNITY HAVE THE COURAGE TO

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1 DEMONSTRATE, TO PILOT THESE KINDS OF THINGS AND THEN SCALE
2 THEM UP AS OTHER COMMUNITIES HAVE ALREADY DONE IN THE INTEREST
3 OF JUSTICE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE. AND I THINK WE HAVE A REAL
4 OPPORTUNITY TO DO THAT, THANKS TO YOU. BECAUSE IF I SAY IT, OR
5 IF THE A.C.L.U. SAYS IT OR IF ANY ONE OF US SAYS IT, IT'S ONE
6 THING. WHEN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY, WHO'S AN
7 INTEGRAL PART OF THIS CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, NOBODY GETS A
8 DEFERRED SENTENCE AND GETS INTO A DIVERSION PROGRAM WITHOUT
9 YOUR DEPARTMENT SAYING "WE AGREE", THAT'S SIGNIFICANT. PEOPLE
10 SAY, WELL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAYS IT'S WORTH LOOKING AT. IT
11 GETS A CERTAIN IMPRIMATUR OF ACCEPTABILITY. AND THIS IS AN
12 IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME A LONG TIME AGO. AND I'M JUST SO
13 THRILLED AFTER OUR MEETING THE OTHER DAY, ONE OF MY STAFF
14 PEOPLE SAID "YOU KNOW, I KIND OF LIKE JACKIE LACEY, SHE'S
15 DOWN-TO-EARTH AND TELLS IT LIKE IT IS". I SAID YES. THAT'S THE
16 DISTRICT ATTORNEY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTY ELECTED A COUPLE
17 OF YEARS AGO AND I'M REALLY EXCITED FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO
18 HELP US ALONG. I ONLY REGRET THAT I WON'T BE AROUND IN THIS
19 CAPACITY TO WORK MORE CLOSELY WITH YOU AS YOU GET YOUR
20 MOMENTUM GOING. BUT I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN THE
21 NEXT 4-1/2 MONTHS. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **JACKIE LACEY:** AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS. VAN NUYS IS
24 DESPERATELY IN NEED OF THE SERVICES THAT THE THIRD DISTRICT IS
25 OFFERING, AND WE'RE VERY EXCITED ABOUT GETTING THIS ROLLING.

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1 AND I APPRECIATE YOUR REMARKS. BUT IT IS A TEAM EFFORT. I
2 COULD NOT DO THIS BY MYSELF. I HAVE AN INCREDIBLY FANTASTIC,
3 COMMITTED TEAM OF 60 PEOPLE WHO AS A RESULT OF THE SUMMIT
4 CONTINUE TO COME UP WITH SOME BRILLIANT IDEA AS WE FOCUS IN ON
5 THIS PROBLEM. WE'RE GOING TO DO IT TOGETHER. I NEED THE
6 SUPERVISORS. ANY ONE OF YOU COULD TUBE THIS. COULD TUBE IT.
7 BUT IT'S SOMETHING WHERE WE AS A COMMUNITY HAVE REALLY GROWN
8 AND EVOLVED, ALL OF US KNOW SOMEONE OR HAVE SOMEONE IN OUR
9 FAMILY WHO SUFFERS FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. AND MOST OF THOSE
10 PEOPLE ARE WORKING AMONG US AND DOING FINE AND DOING WELL. BUT
11 THERE ARE MANY WHO DON'T HAVE THE RESOURCES, WHO DON'T HAVE
12 THE SUPPORT, OR WHO AREN'T COOPERATING WITH THEIR FAMILIES WHO
13 ARE MADE HOMELESS, WHO ARE MADE HOMELESS, BY THE CRIMINAL
14 JUSTICE SYSTEM. THEY ARE MENTALLY ILL AND THEY'RE MADE
15 HOMELESS BECAUSE ONCE WE'VE SADDLED THEM WITH A FELONY
16 CONVICTION, THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE-- THE HOUSING IS
17 LIMITED. THE SERVICES ARE LIMITED IN TERMS OF DIGGING
18 THEMSELVES BACK FROM THAT. AND THAT'S THE INJUSTICE. NOT THAT--
19 - MAYBE WE'RE MAKING THINGS WORSE BY OUR PROCESS. AND SO
20 BECAUSE OF THAT, I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE A MANDATE TO PAY
21 ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM AND TO PAY ATTENTION TO THIS ISSUE.
22 AND DO BETTER. SO THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN AND
2 COLLEAGUES. TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I THINK WE ARE MOVING IN
3 THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND THERE'S NO DENYING THE FACT THAT YOU
4 HAVE PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THAT REGARD, AND IT'S
5 ESSENTIALLY WHAT WE CALL LEADERSHIP. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
6 ON MAY THE 6TH TRIED TO-- AND DID EFFECTIVELY-- SET FORTH ITS
7 COLLECTIVE SENTIMENT WITH RESPECT TO DIVERSION. AND I WANT TO
8 TAKE A STEP FORWARD, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, JUST TO READ
9 THIS MOTION IN SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE ON THE PATH THAT WE
10 HAVE SET IN COLLABORATION WITH A NUMBER OF STAKEHOLDERS. WE
11 ADOPTED THAT MOTION THAT RECOGNIZED DIVERSION WAS A MISSING
12 COMPONENT. AND SOME WOULD ARGUE A MISSING COMPONENT IN THE
13 ADOPTED ROUGHLY \$2 BILLION JAIL MASTER PLAN TO DEMOLISH MEN'S
14 CENTRAL JAIL, TO MODERNIZE MIRA LOMA DETENTION CENTER FOR
15 WOMEN AND CONSTRUCT A NEW TWO-TOWER CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL
16 TREATMENT FACILITY. AND EXPERTS AGREE. DIVERSION EFFORTS ARE
17 MORE EFFECTIVE THAN JAILS AT TREATING MENTAL ILLNESS.
18 ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY, REDUCING REPEAT OFFENSES, AND
19 PRODUCING BETTER OUTCOMES. SO DIVERSION ALSO COSTS THE COUNTY
20 DRAMATICALLY LESS COMPARED TO INCARCERATION, A MATTER THAT WE
21 ALL UNDERSTAND AND WANT TO PAY MORE ATTENTION TO. AND THUS
22 FREEING RESOURCES THAT CAN BE USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES,
23 INCLUDING TAX RELIEF, IF YOU WILL. RECENTLY THE U.S.
24 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE RECOGNIZED THAT SUCCESSFUL DIVERSION
25 EFFORTS COULD FACILITATE THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE

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1 CONDITIONS FOR MENTALLY ILL PERSONS IN OUR COUNTY JAILS. SO
2 NUMEROUS SUCCESSFUL PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY CAN GUIDE
3 EFFORTS IN THE COUNTY. THOSE IN NEW YORK CITY'S NATHANIEL
4 PROJECT WITH A REPORTED 70 PERCENT REDUCTION IN ARRESTS OVER A
5 TWO-YEAR PERIOD. IN CHICAGO, THE THRESHOLDS PROGRAM, WITH AN
6 89 PERCENT REDUCTION IN ARRESTS, 86 IN REDUCTION IN JAIL TIME
7 AND 76 REDUCTION IN HOSPITALIZATION FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANT.
8 AND SEATTLE'S PROGRAM CALLED F.A.C.T., A PROGRAM THAT HAD THE
9 SUCCESS OF A 45 PERCENT REDUCTION RATE IN JAIL AND PRISON
10 BOOKINGS. THINK ABOUT MIAMI DADE COUNTY, ANOTHER PROGRAM WITH
11 ACCESS TO COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
12 RESOURCES HAS REDUCED RECIDIVISM FROM 75 PERCENT TO 20 PERCENT
13 FOR THEIR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS. SO THERE IS AN ABUNDANCE OF
14 DATA. THERE ARE BEST PRACTICES ALREADY ESTABLISHED. THERE ARE
15 PROMISING PRACTICES THAT WE CAN ASPIRE TO. LOS ANGELES COUNTY
16 IS WELL ON ITS WAY, AND WE THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR
17 LEADERSHIP. AND AS A RESULT OF THE BOARD'S MAY ACTION, THE
18 COUNTY'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS LEADING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A
19 COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED PRE- AND POST-ADJUDICATION
20 DIVERSION PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, IN
22 PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENTS OF PROBATION, PUBLIC HEALTH,
23 HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH, AS WELL AS PUBLIC HEALTH
24 SERVICES. AGAIN, PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, RATHER. AND AGAIN IT
25 SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT.

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1 THIS CANNOT BE DONE BY ANY SINGLE DEPARTMENT OR ANY SINGLE
2 ENTITY, AND IT'S ONLY WHEN WE WORK TOGETHER THAT WE ARE AT OUR
3 BEST. SO A ROBUST DIVERSION PLAN WOULD, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
4 COURT LEADERSHIP, PROVIDE ADEQUATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,
5 INCLUDING TRAINING AT ALL STAGES OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, THAT
6 CONTINUUM. NUMBER 1, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES,
7 NUMBER 2, POST ARREST AND PRE-ADJUDICATION AND, THREE, COURTS
8 AND POST ADJUDICATION ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION AND,
9 FINALLY, COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY. THIS IS THE CONTINUUM TO WHICH WE
10 HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION. AND I THINK THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT
11 ATTORNEY HAS SECURED THE SERVICES OF GAINS CENTER TO ASSESS
12 THE CURRENT SITUATION AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A
13 COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM IN OUR COUNTY.
14 WE LOOK FORWARD TO A FINAL REPORT IN THE FALL. THAT'S THE
15 TIMELINE THAT WE SET FORWARD. BUT THE BOARD NEEDS TO
16 DEMONSTRATE ITS FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO DIVERSION AND IDENTIFY
17 RESOURCES THAT COULD BE BEST-- COULD BE SET ASIDE AND MADE
18 AVAILABLE ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS ONCE THE BOARD APPROVES A
19 FINAL PLAN TO IMPLEMENT A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR
20 THIS COUNTY. THE NEARLY 300-PAGE BOARD-APPROVED MENTAL HEALTH
21 SERVICES ACT, A THREE-YEAR PROGRAM AND EXPENDITURE OF FISCAL
22 PLAN FOR 2016 AND '17, FOR EXAMPLE, MENTIONED THE WORD
23 DIVERSION JUST ONCE AS IT PROPOSED HOW THE COUNTY SHOULD SPEND
24 MORE THAN \$460 MILLION, JUST ONCE. AND I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE
25 MORE DILIGENT THAN THAT. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN BE. AND OF

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1 THIS AMOUNT, THE COUNTY WILL TARGET APPROXIMATELY \$3 MILLION
2 IN FUND TO PREVENT INCARCERATION IN A PROPOSED PRE-BOOKING
3 PILOT PROGRAM, A SMALL AMOUNT COMPARED TO THE \$2 BILLION THAT
4 WE APPROVED FOR THE JAIL CONSTRUCTION PLAN. AND SO, MR.
5 CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, LET ME JUST MOVE THE FOLLOWING FOR
6 OUR CONSIDERATION, THAT WE DIRECT THE C.E.O. IN CONSULTATION
7 WITH THE DIRECTORS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AS WELL
8 AS HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
9 TO IDENTIFY AND AT LEAST SET ASIDE SOME \$20 MILLION PENDING
10 RECEIPT OF THE ACTUAL SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR
11 IMPLEMENTATION OF A COORDINATED AND COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION
12 PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES
13 THAT ARE EFFECTIVE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHO ARE
14 ARRESTED OR ARE CURRENTLY IN THE JAIL SYSTEM AND
15 MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAMS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM PSYCHIATRY,
16 NURSING, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIAL WORK, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, VOCATIONAL
17 REHABILITATION AND PEER SUPPORT THAT WILL WORK HAND-IN-HAND ON
18 A 24-HOUR BASIS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER PERSONNEL. AND,
19 SECONDLY, DIRECT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, IN CONSULTATION WITH
20 THE DIRECTORS OF THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A
21 METHODOLOGICALLY SOUND FORMULA FOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW
22 MUCH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHOULD INVEST IN DIVERSION ON
23 AN ONGOING BASIS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN WRITING IN
24 TIME FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ADJUSTMENT; AND, FURTHER, I
25 THINK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COULD AND SHOULD DIRECT THE

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1 C.E.O. AND THE DIRECTORS OF THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS TO
2 REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS WITH A REPORT THAT IDENTIFIES REAL
3 PROPERTY AND/OR AVAILABLE UNDERUTILIZED COUNTY FACILITIES
4 LOCATED ON COUNTY MEDICAL CAMPUSES THAT COULD BE MADE
5 AVAILABLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING,
6 PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH CENTERS AND OTHER COUNTY SUPPORTED
7 FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR AN EFFECTIVE
8 DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING FROM MENTAL
9 ILLNESS AND/OR CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS. FINALLY, DIRECT THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH TO CONCURRENTLY WORK WITH THE
11 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE C.E.O. TO DEVELOP A PROCESS THAT
12 COMPORTS WITH STATE LAW TO PRIORITIZE CONSIDERATION OF MENTAL
13 HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDING, INCLUDING UNSPENT AND ONGOING
14 PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
15 SUPPORTS FUNDS TO SPECIFICALLY SUPPORT MORE DIVERSION EFFORTS
16 FOR PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY FULL SERVICE
17 PROVIDER PARTNERSHIPS. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE BOARD DO SO,
18 REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF WORKFORCE
19 TRAINING FUNDS THAT COULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE DIVERSION
20 PROGRAM WITH A FOCUS ON PROVIDING JOB READINESS, TRAINING AND
21 PLACEMENT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS SEEKING AND SECURING--
22 SEEKING ASSISTANCE AND SECURING MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT AND
23 INDEPENDENCE AS A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY.
24 MR. CHAIRMAN, I SUBMIT THAT FOR OUR CONSIDERATION AND TRUST

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1 THAT IT WILL GARNER THE REQUISITE VOTES SO THAT WE CAN
2 CONTINUE TO MOVE FORWARD.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE AGENDA FOR TODAY OR FOR NEXT WEEK'S
5 BOARD?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS YOU WISH, MR. CHAIRMAN, AS THE BOARD
8 SEES SO FIT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I THINK WE NEED A REPORT BACK RELATIVE TO THE
11 \$20 MILLION SET-ASIDE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE JUST GET, INSTEAD OF APPROVING THE
14 MOTION, COULD WE JUST REGARD THIS AS A REPORT BACK, ASK THE
15 C.E.O. TO COME BACK PROBABLY IN A WEEK OR TWO WEEKS WITH A
16 REPORT ON ALL OF THE PROVISIONS? NONE OF US HAVE SEEN THIS
17 UNTIL JUST NOW. AND THERE ARE THINGS IN HERE THAT NEED TO BE
18 ANALYZED. SO I WOULD JUST ASK THE THAT WE'D GET A REPORT BACK
19 ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MOTION WITHOUT APPROVING "THE MOTION"
20 ITSELF OR COMMITTING TO ANY PARTICULAR COURSE AND WE CAN DO
21 THAT WHEN THE REPORT COMES BACK WE'LL MODIFY IT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT. THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS TO SIMPLY
24 SCHEDULE IT FOR NEXT WEEK, IF THERE ARE AMENDMENTS AND SO
25 FORTH, I'M RECEPTIVE TO THAT, AS WELL. PERHAPS THAT'S WHAT WE

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1 SHOULD DO, AND IF WE DECIDE TO DISPOSE OF IT OTHERWISE ON NEXT
2 WEEK, WE CAN DO THAT. THAT WOULD BE MY REQUEST.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT WITH ME.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL RIGHT WITH ME. ALSO I WANT TO CALL UP
7 ROBIN KAY FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FOR A QUESTION?
8 ROBIN, RELATIVE TO THE INFORMATION I MENTIONED IN THE PAST
9 WHERE DR. SOUTHARD AND ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD, WHERE LAST
10 YEAR THERE WERE 990 INMATES BEING DIVERTED THROUGH THE COURT
11 DIVERSION, COULD YOU DESCRIBE THAT PROGRAM?

12

13 **ROBIN KAY:** YES, SUPERVISOR. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
14 CURRENTLY STATIONS SOCIAL WORKERS IN 22 COURTS THROUGHOUT LOS
15 ANGELES COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING AND DIVERTING
16 INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN ARRAIGNMENT PROCEEDINGS. THAT'S I
17 BELIEVE ONE ELEMENT THAT DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY MENTIONED IN
18 HER REPORT. WE'VE HAD THAT PROGRAM FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. AND
19 IN FISCAL YEAR 2012/'13 WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN DIVERTING 1053
20 INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE IN THE ARRAIGNMENT PROCESS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE DIVERSION
23 PLAN YOU ARE WORKING NOW FROM THE ONE THAT HAS JUST BEEN
24 DESCRIBED?

25

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1 **ROBIN KAY:** SO, THIS SPECIFIC COURT DIVERSION PROGRAM IS ONE
2 COMPONENT OF THE MORE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN THAT THE DISTRICT
3 ATTORNEY AND OTHERS, PART OF THE TASKFORCE, ARE WORKING ON FOR
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND IT INTERVENES WITH INDIVIDUALS AT ONE
5 POINT IN THE INCARCERATION CYCLE. AND IT WILL BE ONE PIECE OF
6 THE OVERALL DIVERSION PROGRAM ONCE IT'S ESTABLISHED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE
9 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. BECAUSE OF THE LARGE
10 NUMBER, WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT EACH ONE TO ONE MINUTE. AND LET
11 ME BEGIN WITH CALLING UP AJA BROWN. PATRICIA RUSSELL. DR.
12 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON. IS AJA BROWN HERE?
13 OKAY. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL? IS SHE HERE? IF SHE'S THERE, LET
14 ME CALL UP DIANA ZUNIGA? PATRICIA, YOU CAN BEGIN.

15

16 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** YES, HELLO, MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND
17 I JUST WANT TO ALSO SAY JACKIE LACEY IS DOING SUCH A SERVICE
18 TO THIS COUNTY. I'M HONORED TO BE ON THE TASKFORCE. I HAD
19 NEVER SEEN SO MANY AMAZING PEOPLE WORK SO HARD TO COORDINATE
20 COMING UP WITH NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS OF HOW TO DO MORE
21 DIVERSION AND HOW TO TRAIN MORE POLICE OFFICERS SO THAT WHEN
22 THEY'RE OUT IN THE FIELD, THEY KNOW THAT SOMEONE HAS A MENTAL
23 ILLNESS AND KNOWS HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEM. ALSO, I WANT
24 TO SAY THAT I THINK IT'S SO IMPORTANT FOR THE COURTS TO GET--
25 TO TALK TO EACH OTHER IN TERMS OF EDUCATION BETWEEN THE

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1 PROSECUTOR AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY, I MEAN, PROSECUTOR, CITY
2 ATTORNEY, PUBLIC DEFENDER AND SOCIAL WORKERS SO THAT PEOPLE
3 CAN BE DIVERTED. I TRIED TO GET MY SON DIVERTED FROM GOING TO
4 L.A. COUNTY JAIL, BUT AT THE TIME, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER HAD NO
5 INTEREST IN TALKING ABOUT IT. SO I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO TRY
6 TO ADVOCATE FOR THAT AND I KNOW IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE
7 FUTURE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

10

11 **MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
12 MARK-ANTHONY JOHNSON. I AM WITH THE BUILDING RESILIENCE
13 PROJECT OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I'M REALLY ENCOURAGED BY THE
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S PLAN. I'M SPECIFICALLY ENCOURAGED BY THE
15 IDEA THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT AND STUDY THE DATA OF WHO NEEDS
16 THESE SERVICES AND REALLY IMPLEMENT THESE DIVERSION PROGRAMS
17 IN A WAY THAT AFFECTS TARGET COMMUNITIES. OUR PROJECT JUST
18 SUBMITTED A REPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS BECAUSE THE UNITED
19 STATES IS PART OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION TO ELIMINATE
20 RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. AND WHAT WE FOUND IS THAT BLACK FOLKS
21 IN PARTICULAR HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE FOR THE NEED IN
22 DIVERSION PROGRAMS. BLACK FOLKS ARE 9.6 PERCENT OF THE LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY POPULATION, 30 PERCENT OF THE L.A. COUNTY JAIL
24 POPULATION, AND 43 PERCENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL
25 POPULATION WITH SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS REQUIRING

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1 SPECIAL HOUSING. AND SO WE THINK THESE DIVERSION PIECES NEED
2 TO BE FOCUSED IN A WAY THAT ADDRESSED THAT DISPARITY THAT
3 EXISTS WITHIN THE JAILS AND ALSO ACCESS THE SERVICES OUTSIDE
4 OF THE JAIL SYSTEM.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. HAROLD TURNER, ARMANDO HERMAN AND
7 SOPHIA QUINONES YES.

8

9 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** HI, MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA, I'M THE STATEWIDE
10 ORGANIZER FOR C.U.R.B. AND WITH L.A. NO MORE JAILS. WE BELIEVE
11 THAT D.A. LACEY'S MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PLAN IS A GREAT STEP
12 IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE SPECIFICALLY APPLAUD THE NEED FOR A
13 CRISIS ALTERNATIVE CENTERS AND THE EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY
14 FOR HOUSING FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY. WE ALSO APPLAUD
15 THE RECENT MOTION BY MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND JUST WANT TO BRING
16 UP A FEW OTHER THINGS. I KNOW, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU WERE
17 TALKING ABOUT YOUR WORK WITH INTERVENTION IN THE JUVENILE
18 JUSTICE SYSTEM. HOW MANY OF THESE CHILDREN ACTUALLY HAVE
19 FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE INCARCERATED? AND MAYBE WE COULD THINK
20 OF A FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROGRAM THAT WOULD HELP THE YOUTH
21 AND HELP THEIR LOVED ONES THAT ARE INSIDE OF THE L.A. COUNTY
22 JAIL SYSTEM? ADDITIONALLY, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I HEARD YOU
23 SPEAK OF SERVICES OUT OF THE COUNTY. I JUST WANT TO SAY WE
24 WOULD NOT BE IN SUPPORT OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT. WE HAVE HEARD
25 THE MEDIA FRENZY ABOUT ADELANTO JAIL WANTING TO CONTRACT WITH

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1 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE WOULD NOT BE IN SUPPORT OF ANY OUTSIDE
2 COMMUNITY SERVICES. WE WANT THEM INSIDE OF OUR COMMUNITIES.
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **HAROLD TURNER:** I'M HAROLD TURNER FROM N.A.M.I. URBAN LOS
8 ANGELES. AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THE DIVERSION.
9 AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE A COMPONENT THAT INCLUDES FAMILY
10 INPUT. WE TALK TO HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES A YEAR. AND FAMILIES
11 ARE GENERALLY THE FIRST ONES WHO CAN SEE A PERSON START TO--
12 THEIR MENTAL HEALTH START TO DEGENERATE AND IN A POSITION TO
13 INTERVENE AND OFTENTIMES DON'T INTERVENE FOR ALL OF THE
14 REASONS THAT OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY MENTIONED ABOUT
15 CRIMINAL RECORDS AND SO FORTH AND DON'T WANT TO GET THEIR
16 LOVED ONES INVOLVED IN THAT. SO THEY EITHER GO WITHOUT
17 TREATMENT OR THEY WILL END UP ESCALATING LATER INTO A HIGHER
18 INCIDENCE OF PSYCHOSIS. SO DIVERSION IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT
19 THERE NEEDS TO BE A FAMILY COMPONENT OF THAT WHERE FAMILIES
20 CAN ACCESS THOSE RESOURCES TO HAVE THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS
21 DIVERTED WITHOUT FEAR OF CRIMINAL RECORD FOLLOWING THEIR LOVED
22 ONES.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

25

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1 **SOFIA QUINONES:** I'M SOFIA QUINONES, FIRST DISTRICT FROM EAST
2 LOS ANGELES. I CAME TO SPEAK BECAUSE CURRENTLY THE L.A. COUNTY
3 JAIL WE ARE VIOLATING THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST
4 TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMANE AND DEGRADING TREATMENT. SO
5 I WANT TO APPLAUD JACKIE LACEY'S EFFORTS AT LEADING THE
6 CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT, SPECIFICALLY THE
7 PREFILING DIVERSION. I THINK WE ALSO HAVE TO EXPAND THE NUMBER
8 OF JUDGES IN OUR COURT SYSTEM THAT HANDLE THESE CASES. I THINK
9 THAT PRIORITY SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN TO A DIVERSION SYSTEM THAT
10 CURRENTLY FOCUSES ON THE PRISONERS THAT WE HAVE DETAINED. SO
11 WE HAVE TO DO THIS AT THE SAME TIME. AND I SERIOUSLY WANT TO
12 SOUND THE ALARM TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO PEOPLE
13 WATCHING THAT WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT PERMANENT
14 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING UNITS BEING BUILT BY URBAN PLANNERS AND
15 SPECIAL INTERESTS TRYING TO POSE THEMSELVES AS HEALTHCARE
16 PROFESSIONALS AND CLINICIANS. AND FINALLY NO NEW DETENTION
17 CENTERS. WE NEED A HEALTH CARE FACILITY. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP PASTOR PETER LAARMAN,
20 GEORGIA BREWER AND MARSHA TEMPLE.

21

22 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ARMANDO
23 HERMAN. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SENSITIVITY OF ASSESSMENT
24 FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED PEOPLE WHO ARE AT THIS POINT NOT
25 INCLUDED IN MANY OF THE PROGRAMS. THANKS TO JACKIE LACEY AND

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1 THE GUIDANCE AND DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT YOU'VE NOW CREATED
2 AND WILL ASSIST IN THOSE WHO ARE BASICALLY TREATED INHUMANE
3 FOR THEIR CONDITIONS OF HEALTH, WHETHER IT'S MENTAL, PHYSICAL
4 OR SOCIAL, WE SEE THAT TECHNICALLY NOT ALL DRUGS OR ALCOHOL
5 RELATED ISSUES ARE PART OF MENTAL ILLNESS. WE KNOW THAT
6 PROCESS OF THE BRAIN RELEASES CHEMICALS AND IMBALANCES CAN
7 CAUSE SUCH IMMENSE DETERIORATION OF THE MIND. WE KNOW OF
8 PRESIDENTS, WE KNOW OF PEOPLE WITHIN OUR COMMUNITIES WHO
9 SUFFERED SUCH ELEMENTS. SO AGAIN I SAY TO YOU, JACKIE LACEY,
10 KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND THANK YOU FOR THE PROGRAM IF IT
11 WORKS.

12

13 **GEORGIA BREWER:** THANK YOU. I'M GEORGIA BREWER, A MEMBER OF THE
14 SOUTH LOS ANGELES REINTEGRATION COUNCIL AND STATE COORDINATOR
15 OF THE ALL CARE ALLIANCE, A COALITION OF OVER 80 ORGANIZATIONS
16 ADVOCATING FOR PUBLIC POLICIES THAT SUPPORT EQUALITY IN HEALTH
17 CARE. WE GIVE OUR THANKS TO JACKIE LACEY AND HER TEAM AND ALSO
18 TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR THEIR WORK ON DIVERSION. WE STRONGLY
19 SUPPORT A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PLAN FOR L.A. COUNTY AND A
20 SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER DEDICATION OF COUNTY RE-ALIGNMENT
21 RESOURCES INTO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT PROMOTE TREATMENT,
22 REHABILITATION AND RECIDIVISM REDUCTION. INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING
23 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS BELONG IN TREATMENT, NOT IN JAIL. IT IS
24 HORRIFYING TO IMAGINE THE IMPACT OF THE JAIL ENVIRONMENT ON A
25 PERSON WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS AND THEIR EXTREME VULNERABILITY

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1 TO ABUSE. APPROPRIATE INTERVENTION SAVES LIVES AND STRENGTHENS
2 COMMUNITIES. WE URGE THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR
3 THE PROPER RESOURCES TO SUPPORT A ROBUST, EFFECTIVE AND
4 COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PLAN FOR OUR COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA LOCKWOOD
7 AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH

8

9 **PETER LAARMAN:** REVEREND PETER LAARMAN. I ALSO CO-CHAIR THE
10 REGIONAL REENTRY POLICY PARTNERSHIPS POLICY AND ADVOCACY
11 COMMITTEE. THE REGIONAL REENTRY PARTNERSHIP INCLUDES 250 SOME
12 NOT-FOR-PROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS, COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS.
13 THEY UNDERSTAND THIS MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE, MANY OF THEM, OF
14 BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE. THIS IS WHAT THEY'RE TRAINED TO DO.
15 OUR APPEAL TO THE BOARD IS TO FOLLOW THE PATHWAY OF USING THE
16 EXISTING CAPACITY TO DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES AS MUCH AS
17 POSSIBLE, TO, AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY PUT IT, TAKE A SNAPSHOT
18 OF WHAT'S AVAILABLE EVERY FRIDAY IN TERMS OF ADEQUATE LICENSED
19 BEDS AND FACILITIES. THIS IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE. IT WILL SAVE
20 THE COUNTY AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND IT WILL OBIVATE THE
21 NEED FOR THIS MASSIVE NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION PLAN. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM?

24

25 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** THANK YOU I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO SAY--

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR NAME.

3

4 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M MARSHA TEMPLE. I'M THE
5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. I WOULD
6 FIRST LIKE TO THANK THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR HER WORK, AND
7 THANK YOU, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR THAT MOTION, VERY WELL
8 THOUGHT OUT AND DESERVES THE FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE BOARD.
9 I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK
10 IS NOW INVOLVED IN DIVERSION. WE HAVE WORKED SINCE 2009 WITH
11 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THE CITY ATTORNEY. WE HAVE TAKEN 60
12 PEOPLE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL, FACING HOMELESSNESS, FROM THREE
13 COURTS. WITH THE HELP OF A GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,
14 WE HAVE CREATED 132 JOBS FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND A
15 CRIMINAL BACKGROUND. WE WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH
16 THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY AND THE DISTRICT
17 ATTORNEY, AND I WOULD JUST FINISH BY SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE
18 THAT WE HAVE TAKEN FROM THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
19 COLLECTIVELY HAVE A RECIDIVISM RATE OF 28 PERCENT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

22

23 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** I'M LINDA LOCKWOOD. I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL OF
24 YOU FOR THE JOBS THAT YOU'RE DOING. I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE,
25 BUT YOU HAVE TO DO IT. I AM THE GRANDPARENT OF A CHILD. HIS

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1 NAME IS ROGER WILLIAMS BASS. HE IS A DIRECT DESCENDENT OF
2 ROGER WILLIAMS WHO FOUNDED THIS COUNTRY. HE IS STUCK NOW IN A
3 MENTAL HOSPITAL IN THIS COUNTY, AND I HAVE NO PLACE TO PUT HIM
4 BECAUSE THERE ARE NO RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN, ADOLESCENTS
5 BETWEEN THE AGES OF 17-1/2 AND 18 YEARS OLD. THEY ARE EITHER
6 KICKED OUT OF THE SYSTEM AT 17-1/2 OR NOT ALLOWED INTO IT. THE
7 REASON I'VE BEEN GIVEN IS THAT IT'S NOT COST-EFFECTIVE. THE
8 CHILD WAS TAKEN FROM MY HOME. THERE WERE A DOZEN SHERIFF'S
9 CARS AND ABOUT 24 SHERIFFS. THEY HANDCUFFED HIM AND WERE GOING
10 TO TAKE HIM TO JAIL. I INTERVENED AND SAID "HE HAS MENTAL
11 PROBLEMS. HE'S GONE THROUGH THIS MENTAL PROCESS." YOU'RE NEVER
12 GOING TO FIND THE ANSWER AT THE TOP OF THE JAILS. YOU'RE GOING
13 TO FIND IT AT THE BOTTOM, PEELING THE ONION AND FINDING WHAT
14 IS WRONG WITH OUR MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. HE HAS BEEN IN THE
15 WRAP-AROUND PROGRAMS FOR MANY YEARS, MOST OF THE YEARS OF HIS
16 LIFE. THEY'RE BROKEN. MENTAL HEALTH IS BROKEN. WE CAN FIX
17 THIS. IT TAKES SOMEBODY STANDING UP, HOWEVER, AND TAKING THE
18 LEADERSHIP. AND WHAT I FOUND IN ALL OF THESE PAPERS, IN TRYING
19 EVERY COUNTY AGENCY AND EVERY RESOURCE. D.C.F.S. IS WORKING
20 UNDERNEATH ME. I HAVE MORE RESOURCES AS AN INDIVIDUAL PERSON
21 THAN THEY DO. SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THIS WHOLE SYSTEM AND YOU
22 KNOW IT. SO IF WE CAN GET TO THE BOTTOM AND REALLY TELL THE
23 TRUTH AND IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMS WE KNOW WORK, WE CAN GET
24 RESOLVE, NOT AT THE TOP BUT AT THE BOTTOM. HE'S STUCK. WHAT AM
25 I GOING TO DO WITH HIM? THAT'S MY QUESTION TO YOU. WHAT DO I

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1 DO WITH A CHILD WHO'S STUCK IN THE HOSPITAL THAT YOU ARE
2 GIVING FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS THAT THEY ARE NOT DOING. THERE ARE
3 NO PROGRAMS. IT'S A 48-HOUR HOLDING TANK AND IT'S A CHA-CHING
4 MONEY MAKING MACHINE IN OUR COUNTY. THEY DON'T GET ANY
5 THERAPY. PILLS ARE THE ONLY THING. AND WE KNOW FROM THE A.M.A.
6 THAT THE PILLS HAVE HURT THE KIDS, NOT HELPED THEM. THEY
7 EXACERBATE THE ANGER ISSUES SO THAT THEY GROW AS THEY GET
8 OLDER. IF WE DON'T GET DOWN TO THE BOTTOM, IF ONE OF YOU
9 DOESN'T STAND UP AND TAKE LEADERSHIP ON THIS, ALL OF THESE
10 THINGS ARE A PASS THE BUCK SYSTEM FROM BEGINNING TO END
11 BECAUSE WE HAVE NO COHESIVE LEADERSHIP. I THANK THE FACT THAT
12 MISS LACEY IS NOW ON THIS, BUT IT TAKES MORE THAN THAT, LIKE
13 SHE SAID HERE. ANY UP WITH OF YOU COULD DO IT. AND THAT'S THE
14 TRUTH. ANY ONE OF YOU COULD DO IT, AS ZEV SAID, YOU KNOW,
15 EXCUSE THE PERSONAL, BUT I'VE KNOWN YOU HOW MANY YEARS OF MY
16 LIFE? ALL MY ADULT LIFE. OKAY, IF YOU DON'T STAND UP, IT'S
17 GOING TO GROW WORSE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** IT IS OVER THE TIME THAT IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN
22 DONE. WHAT DO I DO WITH MY GRANDSON? WHERE DO I PLACE HIM?

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHY WE NEED STATE LAWS.

25

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1 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** BUT HE'S THERE RIGHT NOW.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW, I KNOW.

4

5 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** AND HE'S BEEN THERE FOR TWO WEEKS AND THEY
6 WANT TO KICK HIM OUT OR PUT HIM IN JAIL BECAUSE THERE'S NO
7 OTHER PLACE FOR HIM. SO WHAT DO WE DO? THIS IS THE WHOLE
8 SYSTEM ASKING YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THIS IS ONE ELEMENT. BUT YOU NEED STATE
11 LEGISLATION TO REFORM THE LANTERMAN-PETRIS-SHORT ACT.

12

13 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** WE NEED STATE LEGISLATION TO REFORM THE COUNTY
14 HOSPITAL?

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE LANTERMAN- PETRIS-SHORT ACT WHICH WE ARE
17 GOVERNED UNDER RELATIVE TO ENSURING THAT THOSE WHO ARE
18 MENTALLY ILL RECEIVE THE NECESSARY TREATMENT TO STABILIZE THEM
19 TO GET THEM BACK ON THEIR FEET. IT HAS TO BE DONE AGAINST
20 THEIR WILL. BUT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY ARE GIVEN THE
21 TREATMENT SO THAT THEY CAN RECOVER AND BE A PRODUCTIVE MEMBER
22 OF SOCIETY.

23

24 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SIR? ARE YOU SAYING NOW
25 THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS NOT THE RIGHT PLACE

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1 FOR ME TO BE? I SHOULD GO TO THE STATE? OR ARE YOU PASSING ME
2 ON TO THE STATE NOW?

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'M NOT PASSING YOU ONTO THE STATE. WE ARE
5 GOVERNED UNDER STATE LAW.

6

7 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** YEAH.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE CAN ONLY DO CERTAIN PROVISIONS, SUCH
10 AS WE'RE DOING WITH THE LAURA'S LAW.

11

12 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** BUT YOU AREN'T DOING ANY PROVISIONS. THERE'S A
13 LOOPHOLE AND IT'S AT THE COUNTY LEVEL NOT THE STATE. THE PASS
14 THE BUCK ISN'T GOING TO WORK ANYMORE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE STATE GOVERNS THE RULES THAT WE OPERATE
17 UNDER.

18

19 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** THEY'RE TELLING ME IT'S A COUNTY, A COUNTY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

22

23 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** BECAUSE THE COUNTY PAYS THEM, NOT THE STATE.

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STATE IS THE ONE WHO IMPLEMENTED THE MENTAL
2 HEALTH LAWS. IT'S CALLED THE LANTERMAN-PETRIS- SHORT ACT, AND
3 WE HAVE TO OPERATE UNDER THOSE RULES AND REGULATIONS. THERE
4 ARE GOING TO BE GREATER CHANGES, IT HAS TO COME FROM THE STATE
5 DOWN TO THE LOCAL LEVEL. THAT'S WHY MANY OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
6 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE WORKED, ASSEMBLYWOMAN THOMPSON AS WE
7 MENTIONED EARLIER, TRYING TO ENCOURAGE THE LEGISLATURE TO PASS
8 LEGISLATION. THE A.C.L.U. HAVE OPPOSED THOSE TYPES OF
9 STRINGENT REFORMS.

10

11 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE
12 PROBLEM I'M ADDRESSING NOW, WHICH IS BETWEEN 17-1/2 AND 18
13 YEARS OLD, THERE'S A SIX-MONTH PERIOD OF TIME THAT I'M TOLD IS
14 NOT COST-EFFECTIVE FOR THE COUNTY TO ENROLL A PERSON. AND IT'S
15 NOT COST-EFFECTIVE FOR THEM TO KEEP THEM IN FOR SIX MONTHS.
16 YOU'RE TELLING ME TO GO TO THE STATE FOR LEGISLATION DOWN THE
17 ROAD. THE KIDS ARE STUCK IN THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM NOW. IT'S
18 COUNTY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** THAT'S IT? [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD. JOHN WALSH. MARY SUTTON.
25 YES, SIR.

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1

2 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU
3 FOR TAKING HOLD OF THIS ISSUE AND PURSUING IT. I BELIEVE IT
4 CAN TAKE ALL OF US MUCH FARTHER ALONG TOWARDS SUCCESS THAN WE
5 NEED AND REALIZE RIGHT NOW. ON APRIL 23RD-- MY NAME'S JOSEPH
6 MAIZLISH, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST WITH SPECIALTY IN
7 CRISIS AND TRAUMA SERVICE AND SEVEN YEARS OF DONATING ONE
8 EVENING A WEEK AS A THERAPIST FOR INCEST PERPETRATORS FOR THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. ONE OF THE THINGS
10 DR. SOUTHARD EXPLAINED TO YOUR JUSTICE DEPUTIES IN APRIL IS
11 THAT THERE ARE ACTUALLY BRAIN CHANGES THAT COME ABOUT EITHER
12 FROM DRUGS OR THEY MAY COME ABOUT BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE
13 PERSON'S LIFE HAS DEVELOPED, INCLUDING THEIR SOCIAL
14 INTERACTIONS. A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO I GAVE YOU AN ARTICLE
15 ABOUT THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES STUDY, A.C.E.
16 STUDY.ORG TO TAKE A LOOK AT. I HOPE YOU WILL. AND ALSO THERE'S
17 A PROBLEM OF SITUATIONALLY MENTALLY ILL, THAT IS PEOPLE WHO
18 ARE-- WELL IF YOU EVER SAID TO YOUR "WHY'D I DO THAT? WHAT WAS
19 I THINKING?" OR IF YOU SAID ABOUT SOMEBODY ELSE "HE LOST HIS
20 MIND OR SHE LOST HER MIND", WHAT WE NEED ARE MANY PROGRAMS FOR
21 PEOPLE TO STRENGTHEN THEIR ABILITIES TO USE THE BRAIN ITSELF
22 TO RESTRAIN US WHEN WE NEED TO BE RESTRAINED AND OF COURSE WE
23 NEED THE COUNTY'S HELP WHEN PEOPLE NEED TO BE CONFINED BECAUSE
24 THEY CAN'T DO THAT. BUT PLEASE LET'S CARRY THIS VERY FAR. SOME
25 MENTALLY ILL WILL NEED CONFINEMENT AND MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT

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1 MENTALLY ILL DON'T NEED IT. AND I'M COUNTING ON YOU AND I HOPE
2 TO GIVE YOU SUPPORT IN DEVELOPING THESE PROGRAMS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. SURE.

5

6 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** I HAVE AN ARTICLE HERE. ONE COPY ONLY, I'M
7 SORRY TO SAY. I DIDN'T MAKE MORE. I HOPE THAT THIS CAN BE
8 AVAILABLE TO ALL OF YOU. "ATLANTIC" MAGAZINE JULY/AUGUST 2011,
9 "THE BRAIN ON TRIAL."

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'LL MAKE COPIES FOR US. THANK YOU FOR
12 THAT. GOOD. LET ME DO LADIES FIRST.

13

14 **MARY SUTTON:** HI, I'M MARY SUTTON. I'M A MEMBER OF CRITICAL
15 RESISTANCE, THE NO MORE JAILS COALITION L.A. AND C.U.R.B.,
16 CALIFORNIAS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET. WE CERTAINLY
17 SUPPORT JACKIE LACEY'S DIVERSION, THE EFFORTS TO DIVERT PEOPLE
18 WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OUTSIDE THE JAILS. WE ALSO SUPPORT A MORE
19 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM THAT WOULD INCLUDE LIKE GLORIA MOLINA'S
20 TALKING ABOUT, A YOUTH DIVERSION PROGRAM, A DIVERSION PROGRAM
21 FOR WOMEN, A DIVERSION PROGRAM PEOPLE WITH DRUG OFFENSES.
22 AFTER THREE YEARS OF RE-ALIGNMENT, L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF
23 SUPERVISORS MADE A MISTAKE AND VOTED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE
24 DEVASTATING JAIL PLAN WITHOUT IMPLEMENTING ANY OF THE
25 STRATEGIES TO REDUCE INCARCERATION RATE, LOWER THE JAIL

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1 POPULATION AND PREVENT RECIDIVISM, AS PROPOSED BY THE RE-
2 ALIGNMENT LAW SINCE OCTOBER 2011. EVEN THOUGH THE BOARD OF
3 SUPERVISORS PAID FOR REPORTS FROM THE VARIOUS INSTITUTE, THE
4 JAMES AUSTIN REPORT AND SO ON. WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN BROADEN
5 THE DIVERSION EFFORTS AND IMMEDIATELY CANCEL JAIL PLANS. WE
6 WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE THIS HAZARDOUS PLAN ON ALL FRONTS. WE
7 WILL CONTINUE TO EXPOSE THE DEVASTATING HUMAN IMPACT, THE
8 COSTS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS--

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WRAP IT UP.

11

12 **MARY SUTTON:** THE VIOLENCE AND LACK OF POLITICAL WILL. AND
13 THERE'S ALONG WITH L.A.R.P. AND C.U.R.B., THERE'S A LARGE
14 COALITION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS PUTTING TOGETHER A BROADER
15 DIVERSION PLAN.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

18

19 **MARY SUTTON AND VALLEY FEVER HAS TESTED POSITIVE AT THE NEW**
20 **WOMEN'S JAIL SITE, SO YOU ARE WOMEN TO THEIR DEATHS UP IN**
21 **LANCASTER.**

22

23 **>>SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL MELINDA WAITE AND JON
24 NAHHAS. JOHN?

25

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1 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. OR
2 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL. TWEETING @HOLLYWOODDEMS. I BELIEVE IN
3 DIVERSION. THE BEST WAY TO DIVERT MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE AND
4 BRING THEM TO DEAL WITH THEIR SANITY IS BY HAVING A PROGRAM,
5 AN OFFICIAL PROGRAM SO THEY CAN SPEAK HERE UNDER PUBLIC
6 COMMENT BECAUSE WHEN THEY SPEAK UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT, THEY
7 WILL NOT LOOK LIKE THEY'RE INSANE. I THINK WE SHOULD SET UP
8 RIGHT NOW T.V. CAMERAS AT THE JAIL. LET THEM WATCH THE SHOW UP
9 HERE. LET THEM SPEAK. AND LITTLE BY LITTLE THEY WILL BLEND
10 INTO US HERE WHO ARE SPEAKING UNDER PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL YOU
11 WON'T EVEN NOTICE THAT THEY'RE ANY DIFFERENT FROM US. BELIEVE
12 ME, LET'S SET UP-- OR ANY DIFFERENT FROM YOU UP THERE.
13 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MUHAMMAD?

16

17 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR THE PEACE BISMILLAH,
18 THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. 5150. THAT IS THE CLASSIFICATION WHEN
19 YOU ENTER INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND YOU HAVE A MENTAL
20 DISABILITY. I WOULD LIKE A REPORT IN TERMS OF HOW WE ARE
21 ADDRESSING THE 5150 PROGRAM, HOW INEFFECTIVE IT IS AND WHY
22 BECAUSE IF IN FACT WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THE MENTALLY ILL,
23 WE HAVE THE TALENT AMONGST US TO HAVE A PRISTINE SCENARIO
24 RIGHT THERE IN THE COUNTY JAIL AND GET, HOW CAN I SAY, A HANDS
25 HOLD ONTO WHAT THE PROBLEM SOLVING SHOULD BE. NOW, UNTIL I GET

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1 THAT, I'M SORT OF DISMAYED WHY WE'RE SPENDING \$2 BILLION. AND
2 WHEN I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A SINCERE REPORT IN TERMS OF HOW
3 EFFECTIVE WE ARE WITH THE 5150 PROGRAM. NOW AS FAR AS MENTAL
4 DISABILITIES ARE CONCERNED, LET US LOOK AT THOSE PEOPLE THAT
5 ARE INCARCERATING, THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE CONSIDERED 5150. WHEN
6 ARE WE GOING TO DO EVALUATION ON THE OFFICERS INVOLVED? I MEAN
7 THAT WAS 5150 CONDUCT ON THE FREEWAYS OF LOS ANGELES, ON THE
8 FREEWAYS OF L.A. COUNTY AS WE REVIEW THE INCIDENT THAT
9 HAPPENED WHERE THE LADY WAS BEATEN DOWN. WHERE WAS THE MENTAL
10 DISPOSITION OF THE PERSON THAT PERPETRATED SUCH A DASTARDLY
11 DEED? YET THIS WOMAN WAS SENT INTO THE 5150 CATEGORY WHEN SHE
12 WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY. SO THIS IS MY CONCERN. MY CONCERNS ARE
13 THE PEOPLE IN CUSTODY AND HOW THE CUSTODIANS, WHAT IS IT THE
14 DEMOGRAPHICS ON THE CUSTODIANS THAT ARE HOUSING THEM? BECAUSE
15 IF WE HAD 18--

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** ANTONOVICH CORRECTED ME. 19 OFFICERS
20 INVOLVED DASTARDLY CONDUCT. WHAT WAS THEIR MENTAL DISPOSITION?
21 WHO IS SUBJECTING THEM TO A MENTAL EVALUATION? THIS IS OUT OF
22 CONCERN. THIS IS OUT OF CONCERN.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MELINDA.

25

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1 **MELINDA WAITE:** HI. HERE'S A FACT PATTERN. 5150 OF A 12-YEAR-
2 OLD. THE CHILD GOES INTO A SAFE DRUG REHABILITATION CENTER
3 WITH AN ON- SITE SCHOOL AND DRUG TESTING AND RIGOROUS THERAPY
4 EVERY DAY. D.C.F.S. GETS INVOLVED. D.C.F.S. PICKS UP THE
5 CHILD, PUTS HIM IN A GROUP HOME. THE GROUP HOME IS INFESTED
6 WITH DRUG DEALERS THAT PROVIDE THINGS LIKE METHAMPHETAMINE TO
7 CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 10. D.C.F.S. COLLUDES WITH THE PROBATION
8 DEPARTMENT TO TAKE THE CHILD INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM
9 AND IT GOES ON AND ON AND ON. AND IT'S GOT TO STOP. D.M.H.
10 SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF THEMSELVES FOR INVOLVING THEMSELVES IN
11 REPORTS TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE WHO ARE
12 TARGETING CHILDREN WHO ARE SICK. I ADVOCATED FOR A 13-YEAR-OLD
13 BOY TODAY, AND THE D.A.'S OFFICE WAS RABIDLY AFTER THIS CHILD
14 TO GET HIM INTO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. I SAW HERE AT THE
15 BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE THE DEAL THAT WAS MADE BETWEEN D.C.F.S.
16 AND THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO PICK UP CONTRACTS. IT'S ABOUT
17 MONEY. AND THEY ARE ON THE BACKS OF CHILDREN.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MELINDA. HOLD ON, JON. ERIC
20 PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS AND PETER ELIASBERG.

21

22 **JON NAHHAS:** SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. JON NAHHAS. THERE'S A
23 LOT OF TALK ABOUT INSTITUTIONS, BUT WE REALLY HAVE TO PRESERVE
24 THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS THAT WE HAVE IN THIS
25 COUNTY. YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU HIT IT HARD LAST

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1 WEEK, AND WE NEED TO KEEP ON HAVING YOU HIT IT HARD THAT OUR
2 CITIZENS NEED THE ABILITY TO SOCIALLY INTERACT, TO GET OUT AND
3 REALLY TAKE PART OF THIS BEAUTIFUL CITY AND BEAUTIFUL AREA
4 THAT WE HAVE. THE OPEN SPACE AND RECREATIONAL ASSETS ARE WAY
5 UNDERUTILIZED AND WE NEED THIS BOARD TO STOP SELLING THE FARM
6 BY WHICH-- STOP SELLING THESE OPEN SPACE AREAS AND REALLY
7 START PROMOTING MORE OF THE RECREATIONAL ASPECTS THAT WE HAVE
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THAT IS NOT BEING DONE. BY INCREASING
9 FEES AT HOLLYWOOD BOWL, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, IT'S GOING TO
10 CREATE PROBLEMS, BY CONTINUALLY INCREASING THESE FEES, BY
11 CONTINUALLY UNDERUTILIZING SOME OF THIS OPEN SPACE CONTINUES
12 TO HAVE MORE AND MORE IMPACT ON HOW WE INTERACT WITH ONE
13 ANOTHER, HOW WE GO ABOUT OUR LIVES, AND IT ADDS TO THIS MENTAL
14 HEALTH ISSUE. SO WE NEED TO HAVE YOU, SUPERVISORS, REALLY
15 START TO PROTECT MORE OF OUR OPEN SPACE AND OUR PARK AND
16 RECREATIONAL AREAS. APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MR. PREVEN?

19

20 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN, COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
21 DISTRICT 3. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY INDICATED THAT HE WAS VERY
22 PLEASED WITH JACKIE LACEY, THAT SHE HAD TAKEN THIS ISSUE ON
23 BOARD, AND I THINK WE ALL ARE. HE POINTED OUT THAT SOMEHOW HER
24 AUTHORITY WOULD ADD TO THE FACT THAT THESE POLICIES WHICH ARE
25 WIDELY USED ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, FRANKLY, WILL GET MORE

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1 ATTENTION NOW, THAT WHEN HE SAYS IT OR WHEN THE BOARD OF
2 SUPERVISORS SAYS, IT DOESN'T GET THE SAME ATTENTION. AND OF
3 COURSE I HAVE TO TAKE THIS MOMENT TO TURN IT BACK ON THE BOARD
4 OF SUPERVISORS BECAUSE SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO SHE INTRODUCED
5 HER REMARKS TO, OR CHAIRMAN KNABE, IS NOT HERE BECAUSE HE
6 ALWAYS IS ABSENT ON THESE DAYS THAT WE DEAL WITH THESE TOUGH
7 ISSUES ON LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE REALITY OF THE SITUATION AS
8 YOU SHAKE YOUR HEAD IS YOUR CONSTANT EFFORT TO ASK ARE WE
9 REALLY PUNISHING PEOPLE TO THE MAX BEYOND WHAT SENTENCING
10 REFORM NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY SAYS IS APPROPRIATE? ARE
11 WE KEEPING THE LINE ON THAT? BECAUSE THAT'S MY PERSONAL VIEW.
12 AND YOUR COLLEAGUES WINCE AND GRIN BUT MR. ANTONOVICH STEPS UP
13 AND WE GET WITH THE SAME POLICIES. I'M VERY ENCOURAGED THAT
14 WE'RE CALLING IT SOMETHING NOW. AND THAT SUPERVISOR-- NOT
15 SUPERVISOR BUT D.A. LACEY IS WITH HER HEAD HELD HIGH BELIEVES
16 AND I AGREE WITH HER THAT THESE ISSUES NEED A SERIOUS REMEDY.
17 THAT REMEDY ON THE OTHER HAND REQUIRES CAREFUL MONITORING BY
18 THIS BOARD AND CAREFUL DISBURSING OF THOSE FUNDS BY THIS
19 BOARD.

20
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MR. PREVEN.

22
23 **ERIC PREVEN:** \$20 MILLION BY MARK RIDLEY THOMAS WAS QUICKLY
24 SCORNE BY THE VARIOUS SILO PROTECTORS. LET'S MAKE SURE WE
25 TAKE A QUICK LOOK AND MAKE SURE-- THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND AJA BROWN IS NOT HERE? PETER.

3

4 **PETER ELIASBERG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THE ONLY COMMENT I WOULD MAKE
5 BEYOND STRONG SUPPORT FOR WHAT MISS LACEY IS DOING AND FOR THE
6 MOTION THAT WAS INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS TO
7 SAY THAT THE NUMBER THAT WE HEAR ABOUT, APPROXIMATELY 1,000
8 PEOPLE WHO ARE ALREADY BEING DIVERTED IS A RED HERRING. THE
9 QUESTION TO LOOK AT IS HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE INCARCERATED IN THE
10 JAILS WHO ARE SEVERELY MENTALLY ILL WHO ARE CHARGED WITH
11 NONVIOLENT OFFENSES? IF YOU'RE DIVERTING 1,000 PEOPLE, THAT'S
12 WONDERFUL. BUT THE REALITY IS WE'RE WAREHOUSING VERY HIGH
13 LEVELS OF PEOPLE IN THE JAIL NOW, WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS,
14 WHO ARE CHARGED WITH NONVIOLENT OFFENSES. SO THE QUESTION IS
15 HOW MUCH MORE DIVERSION SHOULD WE DO, AND NOT WHETHER WE'RE
16 DOING ANY AT ALL. THAT'S THE KIND OF DATA ANALYSIS THAT JACKIE
17 LACEY IS TALKING ABOUT DOING, IT'S ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. BUT
18 THE BOARD IS KIDDING ITSELF IF THEY THINK THE REASON THERE ARE
19 A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE JAIL SYSTEM TODAY IS BECAUSE THE
20 A.C.L.U. IS OPPOSING CHANGING THE LANTERMAN PETRIS ACT. EVERY
21 PROVIDER, INCLUDING DAVE PILON, WILL SAY THAT WE DON'T HAVE
22 THE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE THE BEDS NECESSARY TO DO THE
23 DIVERSION. UNTIL THE BOARD FUNDS IT, WHICH IS WHAT MARK
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS IS TALKING ABOUT, IT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. SACHS?

2

3 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.

4 JACKIE LACEY MENTIONED A FEW THINGS. SHE TALKED ABOUT

5 TRAINING, SHE DIDN'T TALK ABOUT DIFFERENT DIVISIONS WITHIN THE

6 JAIL SYSTEM, THE SYSTEM THAT YOU USE. BUT SHE DIDN'T MENTION A

7 FUNDING SOURCE. BUT SHE ALSO MENTIONED COMMUNICATION SILOS. I

8 THOUGHT TO MYSELF, GEEZ WE HEARD THAT ADJECTIVE BEFORE. AND

9 THAT WAS WITH D.C.F.S. AGAIN IT COMES BACK TO THE BOARD. IT'S

10 ALWAYS THE BOARD. NO MATTER WHO'S IN CHARGE HERE. WHAT WOULD

11 HAVE HAPPENED IF THE PREVIOUS DISTRICT ATTORNEY DECIDED NOT TO

12 RUN? NONE OF THESE PROGRAMS WOULD HAVE COME INTO EFFECT?

13 PEOPLE TALK ABOUT YOU FUNDING PROGRAMS AND ALL THIS OTHER

14 STUFF. IN FOUR YEARS, THE COUNTY BUDGET HAS INCREASED BY \$4

15 BILLION. SHOW THE PEOPLE \$4 BILLION IN IMPROVEMENTS. SOMEBODY

16 MENTIONED THE QUESTION OF MORALS. I GOT A QUESTION MORALS.

17 DOES THE BOARD HAVE ANY?

18

19 **MALIA FONTECCHIO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MALIA JAVIER FONTECCHIO

20 AMASTABIO. I'M THE STIGMA DISCRIMINATION REDUCTION COORDINATOR

21 FOR THE CENTER FOR DIGNITY, RECOVERY AND EMPOWERMENT. I DID MY

22 M.S.W.INTERNSHIP AT A FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY ON SKID

23 ROW, AND MANY OF THE CLIENTS THAT I SERVED HAD SEVERE MENTAL

24 ILLNESS AND WERE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM BECAUSE THEY

25 WERE SELF-MEDICATING WITH ILLICIT DRUGS. THESE CAN SUFFER FROM

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1 SUICIDAL IDEATIONS AND GRAPHIC TERRIFYING HALLUCINATIONS.
2 TURNING TO ILLICIT DRUGS OFTEN HELPS AMELIORATE THESE
3 SYMPTOMS, OFTEN MORE SATISFACTORILY THAN PRESCRIPTION
4 MEDICATION. AND ILLICIT DRUGS ARE OFTEN EASIER TO ACQUIRE,
5 QUICKER ACTING AND MORE AFFORDABLE. THESE INDIVIDUALS NEED
6 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES. INCARCERATION IS NOT MENTAL HEALTH
7 TREATMENT. OUR JAILS SHOULD NOT BE THE LARGEST DE FACTO MENTAL
8 HOSPITAL IN THE COUNTRY. I THANK THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACKIE
9 LACEY, FOR SUPPORTING APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR
10 THESE INDIVIDUALS. THANK YOU.

11

12 **NYABINGI KUTI:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS NYABINGI KUTI.
13 I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH LOS ANGELES RE-INTEGRATION
14 COUNCIL AND I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE DIVERSION PLAN. I THINK IT'S
15 WAY PAST DUE. AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT YOUR
16 DRUG POLICIES AS YOU ARE LOOKING AT DIVERSION BECAUSE A LOT OF
17 OUR OVER-INCARCERATION HAS TO DO WITH DRUG POLICY. SOME
18 INMATES ARE THERE FOR SIMPLE POSSESSION. AND I KNOW THAT SOME
19 PEOPLE HERE HAVE BEEN AT THE EVENTS THAT MICHELLE ALEXANDER
20 HAS SPOKEN AT IN REGARD TO THE DRUG POLICY AND ITS IMPACT ON
21 MASS INCARCERATION. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO SEE PEER TO PEER
22 COUNSELING USED MORE IN THIS PROCESS OF DIVERSION. AND ALSO
23 WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE FUNDING END, THE PAY FOR SUCCESS
24 MODEL. I KNOW THE COUNTY IS LOOKING AT THAT, AND THERE'S A

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1 BLUEPRINT FOR USING PAY FOR SUCCESS. I'D LIKE TO SEE THAT
2 EXPEDITED AND PUT INTO EFFECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANKS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS PLACING HIS
5 MOTION ON THE BOARD FOR NEXT WEEK'S AGENDA. AND WE ALSO
6 RECOMMEND THAT WE HAVE THE C.E.O. DO AN ANALYSIS OF THAT, AS
7 WELL, IF WE COULD HAVE THAT NEXT WEEK IF POSSIBLE.

8

9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IDEALLY IT WOULD BE TWO WEEKS, BUT IF THAT'S
10 THE WISH OF THE BOARD, I CAN GET SOMETHING DONE.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS MUCH AS YOU CAN, YES.

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** OKAY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I HAVE A
17 MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK. THE "DAILY NEWS" RECENTLY PUBLISHED AN
18 ARTICLE ABOUT THE OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL'S T.B. UNIT ON THE
19 INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH DRUG RESISTANCE T.B.,
20 THE LACK OF AVAILABLE DRUGS TO TREAT THESE PATIENTS AND THE
21 FAILURE OF PATIENTS TO COMPLY WITH THEIR TREATMENT. SO I'D
22 LIKE TO DIRECT THE BOARD TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
23 HEALTH TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN QUARTERLY
24 REPORTS. THE OVERALL INCREASE IN T.B. IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY
25 FOR EACH OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS AND THE FIRST HALF OF 2014,

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1 THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS WITH MULTI-DRUG
2 RESISTANCE T.B., AND ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION OF OUR T.B.
3 BEDS, WHICH INCLUDE STAFFING. THEY HAVE ADDITIONAL BEDS, I
4 UNDERSTAND, THEY JUST NEED TO BE STAFFED. IF WE COULD HAVE A
5 REPORT BACK ON THAT, BILL, FOR NEXT WEEK? AND THEN QUARTERLY
6 REPORTS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU SAW THAT ARTICLE.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I DID. YES, SIR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN WE'RE THE ONLY FACILITY, I
11 UNDERSTAND, THAT HAS QUARANTINE. WHAT DO WE DO FOR ADDITIONAL
12 BED SPACE IF WE NEED ADDITIONAL BED SPACE?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL INCLUDE THAT IN OUR REPORT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. I UNDERSTAND THAT JOHN HAD-- WE
17 HAD ALREADY PASSED C.S.-2. JOHN, DO YOU WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS?
18 NAHHAS? WE HAVE NOT PASSED IT YET? OKAY. DO YOU WANT TO COME
19 UP NOW?

20

21 **JON NAHHAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN. I'M USING TODAY AS MY
22 ADVOCACY FOR OPEN GOVERNMENT. AND I WANTED TO FIND OUT, I
23 GUESS THERE ARE TWO ITEMS THAT YOU HAVE FOR PRIVATE SESSION
24 OUT OF THE PUBLIC PURVIEW. AND ONE OF THEM IS C.S.-2, WHICH IS
25 THE EVALUATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS. BUT YOU DIDN'T LIST THE

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1 DEPARTMENT HEADS THAT YOU'RE EVALUATING. AND I'M CONCERNED IN
2 THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF TIME BY WHICH YOU AND YOUR
3 ATTORNEY ARE SPENDING IN CLOSED SESSION. AND BASED ON WHAT
4 SUPERVISOR MOLINA TOLD US LAST WEEK, THAT YOU POSSIBLY HAVE
5 VIOLATED THE BROWN ACT IN SPEAKING ABOUT SOMETHING THAT WAS
6 NOT UNDER THE EXEMPTION OF THE OPEN SESSION-- OR CLOSED
7 SESSION, EXCUSE ME. I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT AS YOU CONTINUE
8 TO DO THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS IN PRIVATE, THAT THAT DOESN'T
9 CONTINUE TO HAPPEN. AND IF YOU HAVE DEPARTMENT EVALUATIONS, I
10 THINK THE PUBLIC SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT YOU'RE EVALUATING?
11 WHAT DEPARTMENTS? AND HOW MANY DEPARTMENTS? RATHER THAN JUST
12 KIND OF KEEP IT OPEN-ENDED. SO I APPRECIATE ANY KIND OF
13 INFORMATION YOU COULD PROVIDE TO THE PUBLIC. AGAIN
14 TRANSPARENCY IS THE BEST DISINFECTANT FOR MALFEASANCE IN
15 GOVERNMENT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEMS NO. C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2,
20 BOTH ITEMS WILL BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOTION SO MOVED. SECOND BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
23 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24

25 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANY OTHER MOTION WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT?
3 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A LATE ADJOURNING MOTION. I ASK THAT
6 WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BJ KINDRED, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
7 OUR DISTRICT AND RADIO NEWS PROFESSIONAL WHO PASSED AWAY THIS
8 MORNING AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND,
9 STEVE, STEVE KINDRED WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO MANY OF US AS A
10 RADIO REPORTER AND ANCHOR IN LOS ANGELES FOR MORE THAN 30
11 YEARS. ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS ON THAT. GOD BLESS. I KNOW SHE
14 WENT IN AND IT JUST HAPPENED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
15 STEVE'S A GOOD MAN. OKAY. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMMENT.
16 CATHERINE BOND. CAMERON LYONS. SUNSHINE GARCIA. GILBERTO
17 LOPEZ. ONE MINUTE EACH.

18

19 **CATHERINE BOND:** MY NAME IS CATHERINE BOND HAVE I'M A MEMBER OF
20 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLIENT COALITION. I WAS NOT AWARE THAT
21 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WOULD BE MAKING THE MOTION THAT HE DID, BUT
22 I'M VERY GLAD THAT HE DID. AND HIS WAS THE ONLY VOICE I HEARD
23 THIS MORNING TODAY THAT MENTIONED THE TERM "PEER SUPPORT." I
24 STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD CONSIDER, WHEN THEY CONSIDER
25 ANY OF THESE MOTIONS FOR ANY FUNDING, THAT THEY CONSIDER THE

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1 EFFECTIVENESS AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF UTILIZING PEER
2 SUPPORT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL UP
5 ARMANDO HERMAN AND ALSO JOHN WALSH? YES, MA'AM.

6

7 **SUNSHINE GARCIA:** HI, MY NAME IS SUNSHINE GARCIA. I
8 RESPECTFULLY ASK IF I CAN PLEASE GET THE TWO MINUTES BECAUSE I
9 DO HAVE A LEARNING DISABILITY AND IT'S SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE
10 TO ADDRESS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IF I CAN GET THAT,
11 PLEASE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY.

14

15 **SUNSHINE GARCIA:** I HAVE, I CURRENTLY HAVE A SITUATION WHICH I
16 DO HAVE PROOF OF. THESE ARE JUST NOT ALLEGATIONS TO BE BROUGHT
17 UP INTO THE AIR. IT'S REGARDING MY EQUAL RIGHTS, MY CIVIL
18 RIGHTS AND IT ALL HAS TO DO WITH A REALLY BAD DEPENDENCY
19 INVESTIGATOR BY THE NAME OF JATIQUA WILLIAMS IN THE COMPTON
20 EAST OFFICE. UNFORTUNATELY I'M BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST,
21 RACIAL COMMENTS ARE BEING SAID AGAINST ME AND MY FAMILY. OKAY.
22 AND I DO HAVE PROOF OF THAT. MY EQUAL RIGHTS ARE BEING
23 VIOLATED AS FAR AS I FOUND BECAUSE I AM A FOSTER CHILD THROUGH
24 THE SYSTEM, LUCKILY I ENDED UP WITH A MOTHER THAT KEPT ME FOR
25 MY LIFE WHEN I WAS YOUNG. I HAVE MY GENEALOGY. THEY'RE FAILING

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1 TO PROVIDE THAT TO THE COURT TO SHOW THAT I HAVE CHEROKEE
2 INDIAN ANCESTRY WHICH I DO. THAT'S A VIOLATION, ONE, OF MY
3 EQUAL RIGHTS. MY CIVIL RIGHTS BECAUSE I HAVE A LEARNING
4 DISABILITY, THEY'RE CONFUSING IT WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS.
5 THERE'S TWO DIFFERENT THINGS. LEARNING DISABILITIES JUST MEANS
6 I LEARN DIFFERENTLY, IT DOES NOT MEAN I'M CRAZY. I HAVE A
7 DIFFERENT WAY OF EXPLAIN MYSELF. I AM VERY INTELLIGENT AND I
8 AM VERY STRONG. SO HOW IS THAT GETTING CONFUSED WITH A MENTAL
9 ILLNESS? ALSO TOO, MISS FRANCES CARDONA, WE HAD TO SWITCH MY
10 CURRENT SOCIAL WORKER, WELL MY PREVIOUS SOCIAL WORKER WITH A
11 NEW SOCIAL WORKER BECAUSE NOTHING WAS BEING DONE. MY
12 VISITATIONS ARE STILL NOT BEING MET THROUGH COURT ORDERS. THEY
13 ARE STILL BEING VIOLATED. I'M GETTING TWICE A WEEK, THERE
14 SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF THREE TIMES A WEEK, THREE HOURS PER
15 VISIT. THAT'S STILL NOT BEING MET TO THIS DAY. LUCKILY FRANCES
16 CARDONA HAS BEEN COMING IN ON HER DAY OFF BECAUSE SHE IS
17 PASSIONATE AND NEUTRAL ABOUT THE CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY DO NOT
18 WANT THEM TO MISS THEIR SIBLING VISITS. THEY LIVE SEPARATELY
19 WITH THEIR OWN FATHERS, UNFORTUNATELY. AND THOSE ARE THE ONLY
20 TIMES THEY GET TO SEE EACH OTHER. THERE'S FALSE ACCUSATIONS ON
21 MY CASE, WHICH I DO HAVE PROOF OF, RIGHT HERE. I HAVE THE
22 REPORT MISS FRANCES CARDONA, MY CURRENT C.S.W. HAS REPORTED
23 GOOD THINGS, VERY GOOD THINGS, APPROPRIATE VISITATION WITH MY
24 CHILDREN, PROPER DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS WITH MY CHILDREN, AND IT
25 IS NOT BEING ADDRESSED TO THE COURTS, UNFORTUNATELY. SO D.I.

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1 ON MY CASE, JATIQUA WILLIAMS, HAS A PROBLEM WITH ME WHICH IS
2 NOT ON A PROFESSIONAL LEVEL IT'S A PERSONAL LEVEL AND I'D LIKE
3 THAT TO BE ADDRESSED WITH HER SUPERVISOR AND HER AS WELL, WITH
4 SOMEONE HERE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

7

8 **SUNSHINE GARCIA:** I LIVE DOWN THE STREET FROM U.S.C.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOUR IS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. HE HAS A
11 DEPUTY THAT'S HERE.

12

13 **SUNSHINE GARCIA:** I UNDERSTAND EVERYONE'S BUSY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE HAS A DEPUTY. SHE'S OVER IN THE CORNER. IF
16 YOU GO OVER NOW, SHE'LL TALK TO YOU AND HELP THIS ISSUE.

17

18 **SUNSHINE GARCIA:** WHAT CAN WE DO TO ADDRESS MY CIVIL RIGHTS AND
19 EQUAL RIGHTS?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SHE WILL HELP ASSIST YOU RIGHT NOW.

22

23 **SUNSHINE GARCIA:** AND I DO HAVE ONE POSITIVE THING TO SAY.
24 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE MY HERO. YOU'RE A VERY STRONG,
25 INDEPENDENT WOMAN. I LOVE YOU. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **GILBERTO LOPEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS GILBERTO LOPEZ. I'M
3 ALSO A PARTY TO THE CASE WITH SUNSHINE GARCIA. I'M VERY
4 CONCERNED. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME I HAVE TO COME HERE. I'VE
5 HAD THIS D.I., JATIQUA WILLIAMS MADE RACIAL COMMENTS AGAINST
6 ME, CALLING ME A WETBACK, A BEANER. NOW, I'VE NEVER
7 DISRESPECTED ANY EMPLOYEE OF D.C.F.S. I'VE COME HERE. THE SAME
8 THINGS ARE STILL HAPPENING. I'VE ASKED FOR AN INVESTIGATION.
9 I'M NOT GETTING ANY. MR. THOMAS, HE'S THE ONE ASSIGNED TO MY
10 DISTRICT. HE HASN'T DONE ANYTHING. NOT ONE SINGLE CHANGE. IS
11 D.C.F.S. BETTER THAN THE COURTS? BECAUSE THEY KEEP VIOLATING
12 COURT ORDERS, YET THEY'RE NOT GETTING SANCTIONED FOR IT. IT'S
13 YOUR JOB AS A BOARD TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY AGENCY THAT YOU
14 GUYS ARE SUPERVISING COMPLIES. WHAT MAKES THEM BETTER THAN THE
15 REGULAR PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE? THEY GET AN INVESTIGATION. OH
16 LET'S TAKE THEIR KIDS AWAY. THEN MAKE THE MOTHER DO ALL THESE
17 CLASSES. OH, WE'RE STILL GOING TO TAKE THEM AWAY. NOW, WHAT
18 KIND OF EXAMPLE IS THIS AGENCY GIVING? I WANT A FORMAL
19 INVESTIGATION ON D.C.F.S. THE STATE OMBUDSMAN'S OFFICE HAS
20 MADE VERY BAD REPORTS ABOUT D.C.F.S. THEY'VE INVESTIGATED. THE
21 REPORTS HAVE BEEN FORWARDED. I HAVE SPOKEN TO ALDO MARINE, THE
22 COURT LIAISON. NO CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE. NOW, AS A BOARD,
23 WHAT KIND OF EXAMPLE ARE YOU GUYS GIVING? DO YOU GUYS CARE
24 ABOUT THE KIDS? PLEASE.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

2

3 **GILBERTO LOPEZ:** I WANT AN INVESTIGATION. PLEASE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG, OR
8 JWALSHCONFIDENTIAL. VOTE FOR SHEILA KUEHL, THE BETTY YEE
9 RECOUNT SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY. WE'RE ASKING FOR THE
10 GOVERNOR BROWN TO DO IT. TODAY, BOBBY SHRIVER SAT HERE AT THE
11 MEETING FROM 9:30 TO 12:30. THEN HE WENT UP HERE AND HAD A
12 MEETING WITH ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. WHEN I TOOK THIS PICTURE OF THE
13 MEETING ZEV THREATENED TO HAVE ME ARRESTED. ARE YOU GOING TO
14 ARREST ME? NO.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** STOP HIM RIGHT NOW. TURN HIS MIC, OFF.

17

18 **JOHN WALSH:** YOU HAVE TO HEAR ME TO THE END.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL HEAR YOU. YOU CANNOT SIT THERE AND
21 LIE. I DID NOT THREATEN TO HAVE YOU-- JOHN. CALM DOWN HERE,
22 JOHN. MAYBE YOU NEED TO HAVE SOME HELP. AND WE'RE WILLING TO
23 GIVE IT TO YOU. BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, FOR THE TIME BEING YOU
24 JUST LET ME SAY MY PIECE. I DID NOT THREATEN TO HAVE YOU
25 ARRESTED. I ASKED YOU NOT TO TAKE MY PICTURE. YOU DECLINED.

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1 THAT'S THE END OF IT. AND MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE A LITTLE
2 SENSITIVITY SOMETIMES. BUT GO AHEAD AND PLASTER IT ON YOUR--
3 ABSOLUTELY. GIVE HIM ALL OF THE TIME THAT I TOOK FROM HIM
4 BACK. BECAUSE WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY IS SO IMPORTANT.

5

6 **JOHN WALSH:** FIRST OF ALL, I'VE BEEN A TEACHER FOR 25 YEARS IN
7 THE CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOD HELP YOUR STUDENTS.

10

11 **JOHN WALSH:** AND I KNOW MIKE ANTONOVICH, WE BOTH TAUGHT AT ONE
12 OF THE SAME HIGH SCHOOLS. I'M TELLING YOU NOW, DO YOU BELIEVE
13 HIM OR DO YOU BELIEVE ME? AND I WILL SAY ON MY JEWISH
14 GRANDMOTHER'S GRAVE, IN CONEY ISLAND, THAT YOU ARE A LIAR. LET
15 ME, YOU SAY IT ON YOUR GRANDMOTHER'S GRAVE THAT YOU'RE A LIAR.
16 THEY SAT-- STOOD OVER HERE AND THEY MADE A DEAL. AND THE DEAL
17 IS THAT BOBBY SHRIVER IS GOING TO GET THE NOMINATION OF ZEV
18 YAROSLAVSKY. THAT'S ALL THE TIME I NEED. GO TO MY WEBSITE.
19 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. THE PICTURE IS RIGHT NOW ON MY TWITTER
20 ACCOUNT. @HOLLYWOODDEMS AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE ANGER ON HIS
21 FACE AND HE'S POINTING AND HE'S TELLING ME AND HE'S
22 THREATENING ME. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG @HOLLYWOODDEMS. THANKS.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MISS MELINDA WAITE? ROBERT GORDH? ROBERT?
25 DAVID SERRANO. OKAY.

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1

2 **CAMERON LYONS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I WAS REALLY SITTING HERE ON
3 MR. THOMAS COMING BACK? I GUESS HE'S NOT COMING BACK, SIR?

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

6

7 **CAMERON LYONS:** I WANTED TO ADDRESS ALL Y'ALL. MR. ZEV, I CAN'T
8 SAY YOUR LAST NAME. MR. MICHAEL AND MS. MOLINA. I CAME DOWN
9 HERE FOR ONE REASON IN PARTICULAR. I WAS READING THE SIGN ON
10 THE WALL. GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE. I'M AN EX-
11 CON. I CAN'T SEEM TO GET EMPLOYED. I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
12 WORKING AT THE CORONER'S OFFICE CLEANING UP THE BLOOD AND
13 GUTS, CLEANING UP THE ALLEYS, THE GRAFFITI AND EVERYTHING. BUT
14 BECAUSE I HAVE A RECORD, IT SEEMS THAT I CAN'T GET A JOB. I
15 SAT HERE THROUGHOUT THIS MEETING SINCE YOU STARTED AT 9:00 AND
16 I HEARD Y'ALL SPEND MILLIONS, BILLIONS AND ALL THIS ON JAILS,
17 MENTAL HEALTH AND EVERYTHING ELSE. WHY, I WOULD JUST LIKE A
18 JOB. MINIMUM WAGE, I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM. I JUST WANT A JOB.
19 I HAVE A DAUGHTER TO SUPPORT. I'M TRYING TO BE A FATHER. AND
20 NOT GO BACK IN THAT JAIL. NOW, EVERYBODY-- I WENT TO
21 MCDONALD'S. I WENT EVERYWHERE ELSE, BUT BECAUSE I HAVE A
22 RECORD, I'M NOT EMPLOYABLE. SO THAT'S WHY I CAME DOWN HERE TO
23 ASK FOR. AS YOUR SIGN SAYS, GOVERNMENT FOR THE PEOPLE. I'M
24 ASKING MY CITY COUNCIL TO HELP ME. I LIVE-- EXCUSE ME. I SLEEP
25 IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. I LIVE IN ALL THE DISTRICTS BECAUSE

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1 ALL THE DISTRICTS ARE L.A. SO I LIVE EVERYWHERE. THAT'S WHAT I
2 CAME FOR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HUMAN RESOURCES. GO OVER ON THE SIDE.

5

6 **CAMERON LYONS:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HI, I'D LIKE TO THANK MS. MOLINA'S STAFF FOR REACHING
11 OUT TO US AND ASSURING US THAT YOU HAVE CONTACTED D.C.F.S. AND
12 HAVE DEMANDED THAT THEY STOP PUNISHING CHILDREN AS RETALIATION
13 FOR OUR TESTIFYING HERE ON TUESDAY. AS YOU KNOW, THE CASES
14 TAKE ALL THE RESOURCES OF THE PARENTS JUST TO DEAL WITH THE
15 INJUSTICES AND THE ABUSES METED OUT BY D.C.F.S. WHEN CHILDREN
16 ARE TARGETED BECAUSE PARENTS HAVE COME HERE TO TELL YOU ABOUT
17 THE PROBLEMS, AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, IT MAKES LIFE EVEN MORE
18 DIFFICULT. SO, AGAIN, GLORIA, THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTACTING
19 PHILIP BROWNING AND MAKING HIM AWARE THAT YOU AND THE BOARD
20 WILL NOT TOLERATE ANYONE AT D.C.F.S. TO PUNISH THOSE CHILDREN
21 AND FAMILIES FOR COMING HERE AND EXERCISING THEIR FIRST
22 AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO SPEAK UP BEFORE OUR CHILDREN BECOME
23 ANOTHER ONE, ANOTHER STATISTIC IN THE SYSTEM, THE NUMBER OF
24 CHILDREN WHO HAVE DIED. WE WERE EULOGIZING THE DEAD CHILDREN
25 UNDER THE SCRUTINY OF D.C.F.S. LAST WEEK. I DON'T THINK I HAVE

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1 TIME TO EULOGIZE ANOTHER ONE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THE
2 NAME OF SARAH CHAVEZ, A BABY WHO WAS KILLED UNDER THE SCRUTINY
3 OF D.C.F.S. UNNECESSARILY. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS SHELIA WARD HERE?

6

7 **ARMANDO HERMAN:** MAY I PROCEED, MR. SPEAKER? GOOD. I MIGHT
8 ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT THE SITUATION OF MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS
9 A LOT OF TWEAKING STILL AND WE KNOW THAT AS A FACT AND A
10 MATTER THAT THE CONDITIONS MADE BY THE D.A. WILL POSSIBLY HAVE
11 SOME GOOD IMPACT, BUT IF NOT, THE DIVERSION, THE GUIDANCE HAS
12 TO COME WITH EDUCATION. IT HAS TO START FROM THE BOTTOM UP
13 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY FROM THE TOP DOWN IT HASN'T IMPROVED IN HOW
14 MANY YEARS? SO THE RESULT AND IMPACT OF THIS MATTER IS THIS:
15 IF WE DON'T START WITH L.A.U.S.D. AND GET THEM TO IMPLEMENT
16 THE CAUSE AND EFFECT OF THE DAMAGE THEY'RE CAUSING WHEN THEY
17 IGNORE THE ISSUES OF CHILDREN WHO SUFFER FROM DISABILITIES IN
18 AN UMBRELLA OF IMPACTED DISABILITIES, WHO ARE WE TO SAY THAT
19 WE'RE PROVIDING A JUSTICE SYSTEM, A DIVERSION SYSTEM WHEN
20 WE'RE NOT? SO UTILIZE THE FUNDING AND THE RESOURCES AT THE
21 SOCIAL EDUCATIONAL LEVEL OF WHAT THE STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS
22 SHOULD BE MANDATED FOR AND USE TITLE 1 STRICTLY MONIES
23 ALLOCATED FOR THAT PROCESS FOR THOSE CHILDREN TO BE USED FOR
24 THEIR SERVICES AND THEIR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. JON NAHHAS AND ARNOLD SACHS?

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3 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY

4 SPIRIT. THE HOLY TRINITY IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD, AMEN.

5 REALITY IS: GOD ALMIGHTY, JESUS CHRIST, CREATED HEAVEN AND THE

6 UNIVERSE, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. AMEN. ETERNAL CHRIST JESUS WAS

7 CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD AND CHRIST

8 WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY. JESUS NEVER SINNED. INNOCENT

9 JESUS WILLINGLY SHED HIS OWN HOLY, DIVINE BLOOD AND HE DIED ON

10 THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE. HE WAS BURIED AND ON

11 THE THIRD DAY JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED AND HE LEFT THE TOMB,

12 AMEN. THEN JESUS CHRIST APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS DISCIPLES

13 OVER THE COURSE OF 40 DAYS. THEN JESUS CHRIST ASCENDED INTO

14 HEAVEN, AMEN, HALLELUJAH. WE ARE SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD

15 THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS. CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND

16 INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, AMEN, PRAISE THE LORD.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IRENE PANG? ERIC PREVEN? YES, MA'AM.

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20 **SHELIAH WARD:** GREETINGS IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MOST HIGH.

21 SHELIAH WARD, I'M HERE TO INFORM YOU AND ALL OF THOSE WHO

22 DON'T KNOW THAT WE'RE STILL IN SLAVERY. IT HAS NOT ENDED. AND

23 WHEN I BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I

24 WILL ERADICATE SLAVERY FOREVER. I WILL SEE TO IT THAT PEOPLE

25 DON'T GO TO JAIL FOR HAVING MENTAL PROBLEMS. WHY? BECAUSE YOU

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1 TAKE THE PARENTS FROM THE CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN FROM THE
2 PARENTS AND PUT THEM IN JAIL FOR WHAT REASONS? FOR NOT HAVING
3 MONEY. FOR BEING POOR. FOR BEING BLACK. YOU GO TO JAIL. YOU'RE
4 WHITE. YOU COME OUT TO A PROGRAM AUTOMATICALLY. YOU GO TO A
5 PROGRAM-- MY NEIGHBOR WENT TO A PROGRAM IN PASADENA WHERE SHE
6 WENT TO JAIL AS A PROSTITUTE AND SHE CAME, THEY TOLD HER WHEN
7 SHE GOT OUT, SHE HAD OPTIONS TO GO TO A SCHOOL, PROGRAM OR ON
8 THE STREET. SHE TOOK THE PROGRAM. NOW SHE DOES HAIR, NAILS.
9 SHE'S A MASSEUSE, SHE'S ALL THAT. AND THIS IS A PROGRAM THAT
10 TOOK PLACE OVER 20 YEARS AGO. IT'S NOT FOR BLACK PEOPLE. IT'S
11 ONLY FOR WHITES. SO, IN OTHER WORDS, WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS
12 WELFARE, IF YOU GIVE WELFARE TO CHILDREN IN AMERICA, HOW CAN I
13 RAISE MY CHILDREN IF YOU GIVE ME \$20 A MONTH AND \$20 CASH AND
14 \$20 E.B.T. AND THEN TAKE MY CHILDREN FROM ME AND SAY I CAN'T
15 AFFORD TO TAKE CARE OF THEM. BUT YET YOU HAVE PEOPLE WALKING
16 ACROSS FROM NATION AFTER NATION TO MY LAND, TO TAKE OVER THE
17 LAND THAT WAS FREE, TO TAKE OVER THE LAND THAT DIDN'T HAVE
18 TAXES, THAT DIDN'T HAVE--

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.
21 (CONTINUING) .

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IRENE PANG. JOHN?

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1 **JON NAHHAS:** JON NAHHAS AGAIN. SUPERVISORS WE NEED SUNSHINE
2 ORDINANCES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS NOW 1:47. AND
3 VERY SHORTLY YOU'RE GOING TO BE GOING INTO PRIVATE SESSION,
4 AGAIN REFERRING TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA OUTING LAST WEEK THAT YOU
5 GUYS VIOLATED THE LAW. WE NEED TO ENSURE THAT WE DON'T
6 CONTINUE TO VIOLATE THAT LAW WITH WHOEVER'S SITTING IN THE
7 COUNTY COUNSEL'S CHAIR OR WHOEVER'S SITTING IN THE C.E.O.'S
8 CHAIR. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE
9 GOING TO BE SERVED, YOU KNOW, IN A FASHION BY WHICH, YOU KNOW,
10 IS CONDUCIVE TO GOOD GOVERNMENT. WE ARE SECOND AS FAR AS
11 CORRUPTION IN THE UNITED STATES, OR SO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
12 SAYS, BEHIND CHICAGO. AND WE NEED SUNSHINE ORDINANCES. WE
13 DON'T NEED, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY TO INTRIGUE
14 DEBATE WITH JOHN WALSH. AGAIN, THAT SHOULDN'T HAPPEN. I MEAN,
15 REALLY WHAT WE SHOULD HAVE HERE IS CIVIL DISCOURSE BETWEEN
16 CITIZENS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS, BE ABLE TO, YOU KNOW, INFORM
17 YOU WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND HAVE SOME KIND OF
18 GOOD CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. AND THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENS AT THESE
19 MEETINGS A LOT OF THE TIMES AND THAT'S UNFORTUNATE.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.

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23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR
24 THE ONE MINUTE. I PICKED THIS UP AT METRO HEADQUARTERS. IT'S
25 THE 2014 SHORT RATES TRANSPORTATION PLAN. IT'S ACTUALLY PUT

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1 YOU TO SLEEP READING IT. BUT THE BEST PART ABOUT IT IS THE
2 LAST PAGE OR THE NEXT TO LAST PAGE. THERE IS A CAPTION THAT
3 SAYS "BE INFORMED. GET INVOLVED. ". IT SHOWS A MICROPHONE WITH
4 NOBODY STANDING IN FRONT OF IT. BECAUSE I SPEAK OF THE NEW
5 METRO PUBLIC COMMENT LAWS THAT WOULD CHANGE THIS YEAR AFTER 16
6 YEARS, THAT THEY ELIMINATED PUBLIC INPUT DOWN TO 3 MINUTES FOR
7 THE WHOLE MEETING. YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO TALK ON 3 MINUTES.
8 THERE COULD BE 60 MINUTES ON THE AGENDA. IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE
9 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHERE THEY ELIMINATE PUBLIC INPUT
10 ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA. \$26 BILLION BUSINESS, YOU GET 3
11 MINUTES TO TALK IF YOU'RE LUCKY. THAT'S QUITE-- SOMEBODY JUST
12 TALKED ABOUT OPEN SUNSHINE LAWS AND PUBLIC INPUT. COMING TO
13 THE MEETINGS WHEN I FIRST STARTED, YOU USED TO BE ABLE TO TALK
14 ON SEVERAL DIFFERENT ITEMS, NOW THREE MINUTES. IT'S FLASH
15 GOVERNMENT. IT'S SPEED READING GOVERNMENT. AND IT'S THE SAME
16 ELECTED OFFICIALS.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. IS ROBERT GORDH? ANTONIA RAMIREZ
19 AND LINDA LOCKWOOD.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES. IT'S ERIC PREVEN THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
22 DISTRICT 3 AND I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR JACKIE LACEY WHO I THINK
23 IS BEING HAILED TODAY AS A LEADER IN DIVERSION. ARE YOU UP AT
24 THIS TIME? MISS PANG. OKAY. SORRY. SORRY. LITTLE SIDETRACKED
25 THERE. MS. LACEY WAS HERE TODAY ON THE SUBJECT OF DIVERSION.

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1 BUT WE'VE BEEN IN TOUCH ABOUT-- IT WAS NOT LAST WEEK I THINK
2 THE GENTLEMAN EARLIER SPOKE INACCURATELY. I BELIEVE IT WAS TWO
3 WEEKS AGO THAT AN ISSUE WAS RAISED THAT ITEM 7 AND 38 ON THE
4 DATE JULY 1 THAT THE D.A. REALLY SHOULD TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT
5 IF WE'RE TAKING SERIOUSLY THE LEGAL AND ILLEGAL ACTIONS AND
6 MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE FITTING UP NICELY WITH THE RULES AND
7 LAWS IN THIS FORUM. AND OF COURSE WE'VE SEEN A LOT OF CLOSED
8 SESSION MEETING, AND THAT HAS BEEN OF GREAT CONCERN. AND THE
9 P.I.D., PUBLIC INTEGRITY DIVISION, WHO SHE IS CHARGED
10 OVERSEEING THAT, STEVE COOLEY PUT IT INTO BUSINESS, WELL I
11 DON'T WANT TO SAY ANYTHING UNSAVORY ABOUT THE GROUP BECAUSE I
12 THINK THEY'RE PROBABLY UNDERSTAFFED BUT THEY'RE NOT RESPONSIVE
13 AND THEY'RE INEFFECTIVE. AND THEY DON'T SEEM CLEAR ABOUT WHAT
14 THEIR CHARGE IS. SO IF SHE COULD GET THAT IN ORDER BECAUSE
15 THEY HAVE A VERY SMALL NUMBER OF CASES OVERALL. I THINK IT
16 WOULD HELP WITH THE FEELING THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING DOWN HERE AS
17 RE OPEN GOVERNMENT AS THE GENTLEMAN MENTIONED. WE'RE MAKING
18 SOME PROGRESS THERE. BECAUSE WHAT WE FIND IS WE'RE NOT MAKING
19 ANY PROGRESS. WE'RE MAKING THE OPPOSITE OF PROGRESS. SO GOOD
20 LUCK AND THANK YOU, SIR.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MS. PANG?

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24 **IRENE PANG:** MY NAME IS IRENE. I QUESTION ABOUT I DO NEED MY
25 HOUSE AND MY CAR FOR MY BELONGINGS. THE SETTLEMENT, I JUST

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1 RECEIVED THEM OF CALIFORNIA AND GOVERNMENT. AND MY BROTHERS
2 THE PROPERTY SETTLEMENT. IN THEM SIMILAR SYSTEM, THE _____
3 ENERGIES DISCOVERS THERE IS MY MANY YEARS DIFFERENT AND THE
4 INTEREST SINCE AGE EIGHT THERE IS _____ SIMILAR SYSTEM OF THE
5 ENERGY, NO NATIONS SPEND MONEY FOR THE CHILDREN BEFORE I SPEAK
6 UP ABOUT _____ ENERGY. IT IS DISCOVER THE SAME AS THE MINERAL
7 _____ DISCOVER WITH THE OWNERSHIP. THE _____ ENERGY I GIVE
8 THE LESSON U.S. AND I HAD THE AUTHORITY ABOUT IT. SAME AS THE
9 MINERAL _____ DISCOVER SITUATION. IF ANYONE FIND THE ENERGY
10 BEFORE I DO, WHY THEY WAIT TO U.S. BECOME DIFFERENT WAY TO
11 USING? STAY AWAY FROM THE CHARGING TO THE EARTH AND HUMAN
12 AVOID THE WIRE PENSION USING ALL THE WHO OPPOSITE TO THE
13 UNITED STATES NATION. AGAIN, THE PRICE OF U.S. GIVE TO ME THAT
14 MAKE TO OTHER MORE THAN 10 ITEMS MENTIONED. THEY ARE ALL
15 IMPORTANT TO--

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MISS PANG. SHESHE NI. MR.
18 MUHAMMAD?

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20 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** THIS IS JABRIEL MUHAMMAD FOR BISMILLAH, THE
21 JUSTICE MOVEMENT. LET ME GET ONE THING PERFECTLY CLEAR.
22 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST
23 PROGRESSIVE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POLITICIANS ON THE LANDSCAPE
24 TODAY AND SO I'M PRO MARK IN TERMS OF HIS EFFORTS TO HELP. SO
25 IF HE WANTS TO SPEND \$2 BILLION TO BUILD A FACILITY AND IT

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1 WILL BE EFFECTIVE, I AM RIGHT THERE WITH HIM. HOWEVER I'M
2 LOOKING AT WHAT WE HAVE AS A RESOURCE AND I'M SAYING LET'S
3 MAKE THAT IMPACT THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF A \$2 BILLION
4 SCENARIO. AND WE HAVE A 5150 SCENARIO RIGHT THERE IN THE
5 COUNTY JAIL. WE HAVE THE BUDGET AND WE HAVE THE TALENT. AND I
6 WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR THEM TO TAKE THAT SITUATION, LIKE THE
7 LADY NEXT TO ME AND REGARDING HER SON IN CUSTODY AND SEE TO
8 HER NEEDS, THE NEEDS ASSESSMENT THAT SHE'S MONITORED. SO
9 THAT'S PRETTY MUCH MY COMMENT, OKAY? AS WELL AS A GOOD SOUND
10 PROGRAM TO ANALYZE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DISPOSITION OF THESE
11 PEOPLE WHO ARE-- HAVE OUR PEOPLE IN CUSTODY. OKAY. WE NEED
12 THAT. WE NEED TO GET A FEEDBACK. WHAT ARE THEIR MENTAL
13 DISPOSITIONS? WHAT WOULD MAKE A PERSON BEAT A WOMAN DOWN ON
14 THE HIGHWAY? THIS IS LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO ALL OF LAW
15 ENFORCEMENT HAS TO LOOK AT THIS AND BECAUSE THEY'RE UNDER THE
16 UMBRELLA OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, I TALK TO CHIEF TODAY, CHIEF SAY
17 'WELL, NO. THAT'S L.A.P.D.'" NO. WE'RE L.A.P.D. THAT'S HIGHWAY
18 PATROL. NO IT'S LAW ENFORCEMENT, OKAY? SO WE HAVE TO TAKE THIS
19 INTO CONSIDERATION.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

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23 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** THIS IS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE. COUNTY D.A.
24 JACKIE LACEY, WE HAVE A HORRIFIC VIOLENT LATINO GANG EPIDEMIC.
25 ENFORCE THE RULE OF LAW. THE CRIMES ARE COMPOUNDING. IN YOUR

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1 ENTIRE TENURE, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO COMBAT THIS WAVE OF
2 DESTRUCTION TO L.A. COUNTY AND ITS RESIDENTS? QUIT PUNISHING
3 LEGAL LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS. LET'S STOP RATIONALIZING AD
4 NAUSEAM. THE LATINO CRIMINAL GANG BANGER AND ALL ILLEGAL
5 FELONS ARE EVIL AND MALEVOLENT, WITH THE MENS REA AND THEY
6 WILL HIDE UNDER THE GUISE OF MENTAL ILLNESS JUST TO EVADE FULL
7 PROSECUTION OR DEPORTATION UNDER THE LAW. THEY ARE WICKED
8 PSYCHOPATHS. LET'S FOCUS ON THE VICTIMS, NOT THE VIOLENT
9 OFFENDERS AND STOP MAKE BEING EXCUSES FOR THEM. LET'S DEPORT,
10 DEPORT, DEPORT ALL CRIMINAL ILLEGAL FELONS AND LATINO GANG
11 BANGERS AND ALL 90,000 CENTRAL AMERICAN GANG INDOCTRINATED
12 THUGS. L.A. COUNTY AND AMERICA CANNOT SUSTAIN THEM OR WE WILL
13 GO BANKRUPT, AND MELEES WILL BREAK OUT IN THE COUNTY AND
14 NATIONWIDE. LET'S RESTORE AMERICA AND PUNISH ALL OFFENDERS AND
15 GANG BANGERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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19 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** I'M LINDA LOCKWOOD AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK
20 ABOUT THE SYSTEM THAT GOES ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE BOTTOM IN
21 WHERE OUR PROBLEM REALLY LIES. IT IS IN OUR MENTAL HEALTH
22 SYSTEM THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS IS BROKEN AND NO ONE HAS STOOD UP
23 AND FIXED IT. IT'S NOT THAT DIFFICULT. ONE OF THE THINGS WE
24 NEED TO LOOK AT IS ACCOUNTABILITY. NOBODY'S HOLDING ANYBODY
25 RESPONSIBLE. IF THERE'S NO CHIEF OR NO HEAD, THEN WHO DO YOU

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1 HOLD ACCOUNTABLE? I HAVE SEVEN DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND I HAVE
2 10 DIFFERENT RESOURCES THAT I HAVE GONE TO FOR THIS PROBLEM.
3 AND NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TOUCH IT OR HELP WITH IT.
4 THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM IS WHERE YOU NEED TO LOOK FIRST BECAUSE
5 WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS TAKING THE KIDS IN, THE ADOLESCENTS ON A
6 48-HOUR WATCH. AFTER THAT 48 HOURS THEY CALL IN D.P.S.F. IF
7 THE PARENT CAN'T COME OR WON'T COME AND PICK UP THE CHILD.
8 D.C. F.S. IS GETTING A REALLY BAD RAP AND IT'S NOT ALL THEIR
9 FAULT. THE WOMAN I TALKED TO THIS MORNING FROM D.C.F.S. SAID,
10 "IF YOU'RE GOING, PLEASE TELL THEM THIS FOR ME. WE'RE REALLY
11 HURTING HERE. WE'RE DOING THE BEST WE CAN FOR THE KIDS. WE'VE
12 GOT NO RESOURCES TO PUT THEM IN, LINDA. WE EITHER HAVE TO TAKE
13 THEM TO JAIL, IF YOU CAN'T TAKE THEM BACK, OR WE HAVE TO TRY
14 TO FIND SOME OTHER FACILITY." IN THIS CASE, THERE IS NO OTHER
15 FACILITY. 30 WERE CHECKED. WE HAVE TOO MANY AGENCIES, NOT
16 ENOUGH ACCOUNTABILITY. IF YOU SPREAD IT THAT THIN AND YOU
17 DON'T COMPACT IT ALL, YOU CAN'T-- YOU HAVE NO EYES ON IT.
18 THERE IS NO TRANSPARENCY. WITH THE SYSTEM OF THE MENTAL HEALTH
19 AND THE WRAP-AROUND TEAMS, PACIFIC CLINICS IS THE BIGGEST WE
20 HAVE, AND THEY DON'T OPERATE ON A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR THE
21 PEOPLE WHO ARE CONSUMING IT. WE HAVE BECOME CONSUMERS. THAT'S
22 WHAT THEY CALL US. BECAUSE IT'S ONLY A MONEY MAKING OPERATION.
23 THOSE OFFICES ARE NOT CONSISTENT. THEY DON'T EVEN CALL THE
24 PEOPLE WHO SERVICE CONSISTENTLY. IN OTHER WORDS, IF YOU SEE A
25 CASE MANAGER, YOU THINK THAT CASE MANAGER IS GOING TO MANAGE

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1 THE CASE. IT ISN'T SO. THEY SWITCH IT. THEY'RE NOT CONSISTENT
2 FROM OFFICE TO OFFICE. IF THERE IS A CONSISTENCY OF PROCEDURE
3 THAT THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW, THEN WE CAN HAVE SOME ACCOUNTABILITY
4 LOOKING FOR IT. WE AS THE CONSUMERS DON'T EVEN GET A COPY OF
5 THE BILL IF THE CHILD, LIKE MY GRANDSON, IS ON MEDI-CAL AND
6 L.A. CARE. I HAD TO FIGHT ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP TO GET L.A.
7 CARE PERMISSION TO SERVICE PSYCHIATRIC HELP ALONG WITH THE
8 MEDI-CAL. NOW WHAT WE FIND IS WE DON'T HAVE ANY RESOURCES THAT
9 ARE PINPOINTED TO WHERE WE NEED THEM. THEY'RE SCATTERED ALL
10 OVER THE PLACE. AND HERE I COME HERE TODAY AND HEAR THAT YOU
11 WANT-- OR THERE'S-- I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF THE VOTE'S BEEN TAKEN
12 TO BUILD MORE OF A FACILITY TO HOUSE THEM WHERE THEY DON'T
13 BELONG. WE ALL HAVE SAID THAT. WE ALL HEAR IT. BUT WHY CAN'T
14 SOMEBODY STEP IN AND STOP IT? SOMEBODY HAS TO DO THIS. WE HAVE
15 TO GET CONSISTENT. WE DON'T GET A COPY OF THE MEDI-CAL BILL. I
16 CAN'T LOOK AT IT AND SEE IF IT'S REAL. AND I KNOW FROM PEOPLE
17 ON THE INSIDE WHO HAVE TOLD ME: "WE PAD IT, LINDA. WE DON'T
18 COME OUT EVERY TIME. IF WE PICK UP THE PHONE AND CALL," SO CAN
19 WE GET SOME HELP?

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YOUR SUPERVISOR'S ZEV YAROSLAVSKY?

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23 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** NO, HE ISN'T.

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25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

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2 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** KNABE IS MINE. THAT'S THE DEAD ZONE. KNABE
3 NEVER ANSWERS THE CALL OR COMES BACK OR DOES ANYTHING. I HAVE
4 TO GO TO GLORIA MOLINA. GLORIA MOLINA'S OFFICE DOES SOMETHING.
5 THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WOULD HAVE BEEN ACTIVE AND HELPING TO
6 GET ME ALL THE--- DID YOU CUT ME OFF AGAIN, NO? GOOD. IT WON'T
7 WORK BECAUSE I'LL DO A PRESS CONFERENCE. I'LL DO WHATEVER I
8 HAVE TO DO TO BRING THIS THING OUT AND GET AHEAD ON IT.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'LL CALL SOMEBODY FROM HIS OFFICE TO
11 COME.

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13 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE IS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE.

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17 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** NO, HE IS NOT MY REPRESENTATIVE.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHO IS YOUR REPRESENTATIVE?

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21 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** KNABE IS MY REPRESENTATIVE.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT I SAID. SOMEBODY FROM SUPERVISOR
24 KNABE'S.

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1 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** I ALREADY TALKED TO SOMEBODY FROM HIS OFFICE.
2 I CALLED ON THE 7TH TO TELL HIM I HAD AN IMMEDIATE PROBLEM. A
3 MAN JUST WALKED OVER AND INTRODUCED HIMSELF. NOW THAT'S THE
4 FIRST RESPONSE I'VE GOTTEN BACK. EVERYTHING HAS COME OUT OF
5 GLORIA MOLINA'S OFFICE BECAUSE THE HOSPITALS ARE IN HER
6 DISTRICT, BECAUSE HER PEOPLE CARE AND AT LEAST TRY TO GIVE ME
7 THIS OF TO GO ON. THERE IS NO ANSWER. THERE'S A HOLE IN THE
8 SYSTEM WHERE THE KID, ADOLESCENT THAT IS 17-1/2 TO 18 FALLS
9 THROUGH THE CRACKS BECAUSE IT'S NOT ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE.
10 IT'S NOT COST-EFFECTIVE TO PROCESS THEM. THAT'S COUNTY. DON'T
11 SEND ME TO THE STATE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SOMEBODY WILL BE COMING DOWN RIGHT NOW.

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15 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO TALK WITH YOU.

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19 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** I DON'T WANT MORE TALK. I TALKED TO ALL OF
20 THESE. I TALKED TO ALL THE DEPUTIES. I WANT ONE OF YOU. THAT'S
21 WHY I'M HERE BEFORE YOU. TO DO SOMETHING FOR US. IT TAKES YOUR
22 POWER, NOT YOUR DEPUTIES. THEY LISTEN. THEY'RE KIND. THEY GIVE
23 ME ALL OF THESE REFERRALS AGAIN. I HAVE MORE THAN THEY'VE GOT.
24 DO YOU UNDERSTAND? I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR YEARS.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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3 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM, THAT CONCLUDES
4 THE MEETING TODAY.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE? JULY 22ND?

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES. NEXT WEEK.

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